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## THE NEXT WAR

FENG YU-HSIANG AND NANKING?

### SEMI-FINAL ROUND

Kwangsi Faction "Not Done Yet" Despite Defeat

DANGER ZONE COMES NEARER TO CANTON

[By "Li Chung-yin"]

Although the present war has not concluded yet and hostilities have been rendered short by Nanking's overwhelming victory, it is of first importance to discuss the next campaign because it must come sooner or later—just as the present outbreak was predicted.

Smashing is the only adjective to apply to the defeat of the Kwangsi faction. But this removes only one of the contenders in a preliminary set-to. The competition is, however, nearing its end and the semi-final, provided events take their logical course, ought to be between Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") and whoever dominates the central administration (in Nanking) of the Nationalist Party and the National Government.

Kwangsi is "not yet done" by any means. True, two out of four provinces held (Hupei and Hunan) have been wrested from the Kwangsi faction. Kwangtung has changed colour in the crisis. Marshal Li Chai-sum has been placed in custody and supplanted in Canton. Much vigour and talent survive, however, together with a capacity for hiding time.

### IMMATURE CONCEPTION

I must confess now to a sneaking wish—the father to the thought—that nobody would risk countrywide condemnation for daring to invoke a breach of the peace. That is why I have said all along that, no matter the provocation, war would be avoided and settlement by compromise prevail over any preference for trial by combat.

Before dealing with the ambitions of the "Christian General" vis-a-vis Nanking, it is necessary to sum up the position the Kwangsi faction occupies in its darkest hour. But I must emphasise I am not writing their swan song.

From very humble origin in 1926, as subordinates of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek when he set out from Canton in the summer of 1926 to conquer the North, the Kwangsi faction rose to a commanding position in the councils of the nation, with an equivalent military strength in the provinces. That there are brains in the faction cannot be disputed. What provincial ruler in Canton, be he Cantonese or otherwise, has eradicated brigandage like Marshal Li Chai-sum has done?

Not forgotten. In 1927, General Li Tsung-shan and General Pei Chung-hsi (who were in charge in Hankow until recently and have now returned to Kwangsi) were to a large extent responsible for forcing Chiang Kai-shek to resign, if only for a few months. Of course Chiang Kai-shek never forgave them.

Having fought the length, if not the breadth, of the 13 provinces of China Proper, the Kwangsi faction settled down to consolidate its position in Hupei, Hunan, Kwangsi and Kwangtung. Hunan was the weak link. In trying to remedy the structure there, the Kwangsi faction (or, to be strictly correct, the subordinates on the spot) committed the first serious error of judgment and thereby precipitated war with Nanking—when not ready to fight and, in the vernacular, was caught bending. Immature conception has brought dire peril in its train.

Credit must be given the Kwangsi big four for recognising the inevitable forthwith and thereupon swallowing big doses of humble pie from Nanking in a frantic but unavailing attempt to avert hostilities.

Inspired "Check" Since it is obvious that the Kwangsi-faction desired real progress as much as anybody else, why did they go out of their way to "check" Nanking? The answer is that they were inspired to do so as a matter of considered policy. Who by? First of all there were the Rightist, Conservative and Moderate politicians in Nanking, some of whom have scurried like rats from the sinking ship "Kwangsi". These politicians wanted to keep their positions secure from the Extremists. Then there was also indirect inspiration. The Kwangsi faction, even if it did not arrive at a tacit understanding with the leader of any other military

faction, must have felt security in the assumption that there were other people who did not see eye to eye with Chiang Kai-shek and Nanking.

One course remained open no matter how low the Kwangsi fortunes sank. That was, to hold Nanking at arm's length and, when under pressure, make a present to the "Christian General" of Hupei province (with the cities of Wu-Han, the southern terminus of the Peking-Hankow Railway, the Han-Yang Arsenal and a strategic bridgehead across the Mid-Yangtze River), if not of Hunan province as well.

Strong Evidence That quarter of a circle 50 miles long stretching from the Yangtze east of Wuchang to northward of Hankow is strong evidence that the Kwangsi tacticians in Hankow intended to hold out against Nanking but not against the "Christian General" if he chose to swoop down the Peking-Hankow Railway from Honan and beat the Nanking vanguard by the proverbial short head in a race for possession.

Developments which could not have been foreseen intervened. Dr. C. T. Wang won a diplomatic victory for China in the settlement of the Tsinan Incident. Shantung is being evacuated by the Japanese and Chiang Kai-shek, at this stage, gladly welcomes the "Christian General" into Shantung. With access to the sea via Shantung, the "Christian General's" aspirations are satisfied for the time being. And, in any event, treachery at the front precluded the Kwangsi Generals from deciding to whom they would surrender Wu-Han.

Two Big 'Uns Left Chiang Kai-shek of Nanking and the "Christian General" are the two big 'uns left, with General Yen Hsi-shan of Shansi and Peiping, and General Chang Hsueh-liang of Manchuria next in the line.

So soon as he sees fit—and shrewdness is one of his strong points—the "Christian General" will be stretching another of his arms out. First of all he will scheme for the recall of the Extremist politicians now in exile. Then he must ruin foul of Chiang Kai-shek.

In the interim, the rather dangerous situation has arisen in the South, nearest Hong Kong, of Kwangtung and Kwangsi not being in unison, as was the case several times before. Kwangtung is now in Cantonese hands and decidedly pro-Nanking, anti-Kwangsi.

Will Kwangtung and Kwangsi come into conflict, though, or will both provinces maintain studied inactivity towards each other? Each province professes a political creed opposed to that of the other and, it seems, outside influences can easily trickie in to upset the equilibrium now maintained only by the background of the friendship and co-operation of the last three years.

## WU-HAN SALUTES THE VICTOR

KWANGSI COLLAPSE

DEFEATED UNITS GOING WEST OR SOUTH?

NANKING NAVY'S ARRIVAL

Twenty-one guns were fired in the salute by the triple cities of Wu-Han to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, head of the National Government in Nanking, on the latter's arrival, backed up by the Nationalist Navy, at Hankow as the conquering hero.

The Kwangsi units formerly in Wu-Han are now on the run. Observers state specifically that they are coming southward to Hunan, which adjoins Kwangsi and Kwangtung. Their doing so will bring the war zone nearer Hong Kong to the disadvantage of trade. But the points mentioned in the Kwangsi rout can also indicate that their eyes are turned towards the west, for instance, Szechuan, and not the south.

Lukewarm Welcome A Royal Naval communique issued this morning states that the panic in Hankow on the night of April 4 subsided early the next morning.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, preceded by four gunboats, arrived at Hankow at 6 p.m. on April 5, and the gunboats fired a salute of 21 guns on his arrival.

Then the advance guard of Nanking troops, despatched to take over control, were landed from two steamers belonging to the China Merchants S.N. Co.

The crowds in the streets to welcome the victor were not big and the demonstration was feeble; but this may have been due to the heavy rains which, however, helped to preserve order.

No further trouble is expected. The greater part of the Kwangsi armies of Wu-Han, the communique adds, other than the men who have already gone over to the winning side, are clear of the city of Hankow by now and are going west into Hunan.

Admiralty's Assurance An overnight British wireless service report from London reads: "The Admiralty states that any danger to foreigners which may have existed in Hankow should now be over as the Nanking forces are expected to enter that city to-day (April 5). The panic of the night of April 4 has entirely subsided."

Stragglers' Fate At 11 a.m. yesterday Reuter's correspondent in Hankow reported: "The situation is remarkably peaceful."

"The major portion of the Kwangsi troops retreated directly towards Tsaitien (on the Yangtze, above, i.e. west of, Hankow), to march into Hunan province, and only a few hundred stragglers from the front came into Hankow. These stragglers were promptly disarmed by the authorities maintaining order *pro tem* until the victors' arrival to take over."

"Kung Ken, a former Commissioner for Civil Affairs in Hupei province, has organised a Peace Preservation Corps which is effectually keeping order until the Nanking troops formally take over control."

"The streets are gay with bunting for the welcome of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, who is expected at 1 p.m."

Before the Final Collapse Hankow, Yesterday. It appears that the Kwangsi troops refused to fight on the morning of April 4 and fraternised with the "enemy."

Chinese officials at the ex-British Consession (now Special Administrative District No. 3) asked Rear-Admiral H. J. Tweedie, C.B. (Rear-Admiral and Senior Naval Officer, Yangtze), to assist in the maintenance of order as they feared looting by the Hunanese soldiers. Rear-Admiral Tweedie undertook to give assistance where British lives and property were endangered.

British women and children living on the outskirts of Hankow were brought in without incident. The waterfront is crowded with Chinese refugees endeavouring to enter the French Consession. Rear-Admiral Tweedie has not been called upon and the panic has subsided.—Reuter.

Kwangsi-Lies Vanish Hankow, 2.40 p.m. (Yesterday). The situation has completely

## CAR RIDE SEQUEL

FIVE BORDERERS PRIVATES CONVICTED

MAGISTRATE'S REMARKS

"I should have thought very much better of you if you had owned up to the charge. I should have looked upon it as a frolic on your part. As it is, I shall take a very much more serious view."

Thus spoke Mr. E. W. Hamilton, First Police Magistrate, in convicting this morning Privates Hegarty, Crawford, Ormiston, Bailey and Lunn, of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, of travelling in public motor-car No. 365 without paying the fare.

His Worship added that he was told that Crawford, Bailey, and

### STAN HILL CARTOON

Stan Hill's weekly cartoon, published in the "China Mail" every Saturday, will be found on page 13 of this issue.

Lunn bore good characters and, therefore, he showed leniency towards them. These three were fined \$5 each (or 10 days in lieu). Hegarty and Ormiston were fined \$25 each (or a month).

If the fines are paid, \$5 is to be granted complainant as compensation, his Worship ordered.

Defence's Denial The defence was a complete denial. A subaltern of the Regiment sat on the Bench with his Worship this morning.

After evidence had been given, his Worship reviewed the case, pointing out that it was reasonable for complainant not to have identified

### FAIR, SOME FOG

"East wind, moderate; fair, probably some fog," is the forecast till noon to-morrow for Hong Kong, the south coast of Kwangtung and Formosa Channel.

At 10.58 a.m. the Observatory stated: "The anti-cyclone is now central between Tokyo and the Bonins."

four of the defendants because they sat behind. Complainant had, however, identified Ormiston as the one who sat beside him. The Shantung constable could not identify any of the five, but there was also the evidence of Corporal Mabbitt, who checked the return of defendants to Mount Austin barracks.

The charge of assaulting the driver of the car at 1.25 a.m. on April 2 near Jardine's Bridge, the Peak, was dismissed.

Sub-Inspector Logan, of Mount Gough station, was in charge of the case.

## CANTON STILL PAYS

\$300,000 A MONTH TO KWANGSI TROOPS

PETITION FOR MARSHAL LI

[By Our Political Correspondent]

Although Canton has to all intents and purposes shaken off the Kwangsi alliance, the authorities have decided to pay the Kwangsi troops \$300,000 a month for six months more. These troops, it will be recalled, have moved toward the northern frontier of Kwangtung since the decision to withdraw them following Canton's submission to Nanking.

Leaders in the two Kwangs, now that Hankow has been conquered, are drawing up a petition to Nanking asking for the release of Marshal Li Chai-sum, hitherto the "No. 1" at Canton.

Owing to the removal of troops from various parts of Kwangtung, when the Kwangsi leaders in Canton issued an ultimatum to Nanking, bandits have been active again, but the transferred units are being speedily returned to their posts to put down any attempted rising.

returned to normal and confidence has been restored.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's representative has arrived and is in conference with the civil authorities.

The whereabouts of the Kwangsi leaders is the subject of considerable surmise. It is stated that General Hu Tsung-bu has gone up the Han River, after issuing a circular telegram announcing his retirement; and that General Hsia Wei has proceeded to the south of Hupei.—Reuter.

## "SOUTHERN CROSS" STILL MISSING

SIX DAYS NOW

AEROPLANES MAKING FRUIT-LESS SEARCH

LAST SEEN MARCH 31

Sydney, Yesterday. The "Southern Cross" has now been missing for six days.

The air liner, "Canberra," has arrived at Brokenhill from Sydney with medical stores and provisions for the missing.

Another aeroplane has spent a day in a fruitless search, and the Relief Committee now believe that the "Southern Cross" landed within fifty miles off Drysdale from which town the missing were seen to fly over at 11 a.m. on March 31.—Reuter.

### PARIS-SAIGON

FRENCH AVIATORS FINE FEAT

11 DAYS' TRIP

Paris, Yesterday. The French airmen, Bailly and Regimens, have arrived at Saigon, eleven days after leaving Paris.—Reuter.

### FLYING MAGNATE

VAN LEAR BLACK MAKES FORCED LANDING

AWAITS NEW SPARE PARTS

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Van Lear Black, the American flying magnate, has made a forced landing owing to engine trouble at Ventimiglia (a coast resort, near Nice) and is delayed pending the arrival of spare parts for his Fokker machine.—Reuter.

[Reuter wired on Wednesday: Mr. Van Lear Black, the American millionaire, is due at Croydon to-morrow, after an eventful journey from Broken Hill, Africa. He will remain in London for a fortnight to enable his plane to be overhauled. Then he will fly to Tokyo via Karachi, Rangoon and Shanghai, returning via Vladivostok and Moscow. Permission to fly over Soviet territory was obtained only yesterday, after prolonged negotiation, due to the international character of the flight.]

Mr. Black will follow the Trans-Siberian Railway from Vladivostok. Arrangements are being made for stops at Harbin, Chita, Barabinsk, Omsk, Moscow and Berlin.]

### "PM ALONE" AFFAIR

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT SENDS NOTE TO U.S.A.

REPARATION SUGGESTED

Ottawa, Yesterday.

The Government have forwarded to the Canadian Minister at Washington, for presentation to the State Department, a long Note protesting against the sinking of the "Im Alone" and suggesting reparation and clarification of the United States' attitude towards their right to "hot pursuit under similar circumstances." — Reuter's American Service.

### EXPRESS DERAILED

OVERTURNING OF THREE FULL CARRIAGES

RESCUE WORK DIFFICULT

Bucharest, Yesterday.

The Kissinev-Bucharest express was derailed near Buzau and three full carriages were overturned.

It is believed that 20 persons have been killed and 60 injured. Rescue work is most difficult to carry out owing to the tempestuous weather and snow storms.—Reuter.

### THE "RED HATS"

ANOTHER CARDINAL PASSES AWAY

TWELVE VACANCIES

Rome, Yesterday.

The death is announced of Cardinal Gasquet, which makes the twelfth vacancy among the "Red Hats"—Reuter.

## IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

Going for a walk to-night—along "The Road to Dover"?

What about whitewashing the statues in Statue Square for our Royal visitor's arrival?

Or are we always to be whitewashing our officials?

A well-known Chinese resident of Singapore is charged with offering a bribe to Mr. Tongue, A. S. P.—Mr. Tongue apparently could not hold his tongue.

At the annual meeting of the Tai-po Anopheles Angling Association, it was decided that the proposed bombing area would not interfere with the sport.

A Kowloonite desires better lighting at the entrance to St. Andrew's Church on Sunday evenings.—Will the Bishop please import a few more leading lights among the Anglican Clergy at Home?

Our junior evening contemporary considerably gives a few hints on "Hats for the South"—Buy for your South Pole trip now!

What is to happen now the blinking light has vanished, asks a blinking correspondent who hasn't had a blink of sleep blinking over the blinking thing.

The "S.C.M. Post" announced the departure of the Home mails by the "Diomed" via Nigaptun.—Evidently the way to pronounce Negapatam with a mouthful of betelnut.

Heading in Singapore paper: "Abolition of Fleet Marriages." As the article refers to March 25, 1754, prospective "swift" brides and bridegrooms in Hong Kong need feel no anxiety.

Even in this enlightened twentieth century there are still folks who believe in superstitions, and probably this is the reason why the "Daily Press" is subscribing to the U. P. service. It hopes to get UP!

In a picture about the British Industries Fair the local "Telegraph" says the persons seen therein are the Queen, Prince Mary of Wales, Prince George, and Mr. Amery.—Long live Prince Mary of Wales!

The reason that there are no sharks in the waters of the Colony is stated to be due to the fact that our local brand of mosquitoes are particularly fond of fresh shark's fin, and as the fin of the shark has to come to the surface when seeking his prey, the dainty morsel was so vigorously attacked that finally the sharks could stick it no longer and beat it for other climes.

A petition in course of preparation by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Mosquitoes asking the Government to re-stock the local waters with sharks, because the dear little mosquitoes are showing signs of the lack of this nourishing item of diet.

On April 26 H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester and party will visit Fanling Golf Club, accompanied by H.E. the Governor and Suite. It is understood that the Burgomaster of Tai-po is arranging to decorate part of the route with Triumphal Arches composed of Mosquitoes and/or their young. An attempt is to be made to get the Anopheles choir to render the National Anthem and other suitable music, but doubts are entertained as to their being able to reach the requisite standard in the short time available for training.

The thousands of mosquitoes which assemble nightly on the War Memorial have raised a hygienic problem in Tai-po. Old residents attribute this nightly visitation to "the upsetting of the balance of nature." The Bromley kites that formerly nested near Tai-po were exterminated by shooting. They were the relentless enemies of mosquitoes during the nesting season and it is thought that if they had not been exterminated they would have furnished an effectual check on the increase of the mosquito population. [Ed.—"Shovel"]

The ways of some of our amateur actors are cast in pleasant places—such as "The Road to Dover."

Hong Kong may not be on the map, but at least there is an Atlas in Hong Kong—vide list of guests at the Hong Kong Hotel.

Records for the radio broadcasting the other evening were kindly lent by the Pleasant Music Company.—Very pleasant music.

There are many vacant flats in Kowloon.

Also many vacant-looking flats.

Whispered that the "Franconia" globe-trotters made off with the blinking Beacon as souvenirs of perfect traffic control in Hong Kong.

If the blinking blinker had had blinkers attached to it it couldn't have seen where it was going to in such a blinking hurry.

Heard of the early morning raid on Beacon's-field Ardening?—Looking for the blinking Beacon!

Heading in local paper: "British Troops Now Standing To"... To what?

A contemporary made a sad attempt to lapse into the Doric in heading some football results: Scottish League. ... Gee!

If a Manila paper is to be believed, the Noviches Dam, the largest one of its kind in the world, is completed. ... A still larger dam can be heard at Fanling any old Sunday.

A local lecture is to be given on "Remedies for Racial Friction." ... As if every "mixed couple" wanted a remedy for the racial friction of cheeks—or lips!

When the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament comes to an end we shall witness less of the concord spirit. ... "Love all" shall be heard no more there for many moons.

Said that both the Gas and the Electric Light Companies are offering a rebate to all competitors in the crossword puzzle contest appearing in the advertising columns of the "China Mail." ... The searchers for "light" on clues deserve it.

A special medal is being struck to commemorate the heroism of the public-spirited Indian motor car driver who knocked down the beacon at the junction of Des Voeux-road and Pedder-street.

In future the Police will use tear gas shells in their revolvers when chasing suspects down scavenging lanes.

Graphic writing in the local "Telegraph": "Where the Union Jack flies aloft"—When it doesn't fly aloft it presumably flies in the basement.

Thus a lady's paper to hand by the mail: "Every step has been worn away by the procession of ghostly feet that for almost a century and a half dragged weary bodies upstairs after a hard day's toil."—Our amiable "ghostly" feet couldn't make the step last so long as that.

A year or two ago motoring brought into fashion a new hat—the beret—but it has since vanished. ... The ladies couldn't beret.

There must come a day surely when not a single motor vehicle accident will be reported in this Colony.

Some snappy news is expected from the Dogs' Home shortly if these muzzles are not removed.

A lady who was sent by her hubby to Macao to recuperate returned in double quick time and declared she preferred to die in Hong Kong—Some virtue in this here old burg yet.







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Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1929.

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A CONCERT of Light Music will be held in the Hall of the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. on TUESDAY, April 16, 1929. Tickets, \$2 each, may be obtained from Members of Committee, at the Anderson Music Co., Ice House Street, and at the Helena May Institute.

### FANLING HUNT

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the Spring Meeting, to be held on SUNDAY, 21st APRIL, 1929, may be obtained from Messrs. THOMSON & CO., York Building. Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on WEDNESDAY, 10th April, 1929.

Hong Kong, April 4, 1929.

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Hong Kong, March 25, 1929.

## MEANING OF LIFE

### THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY LECTURE.

#### MATERIAL EVOLUTION

At this week's public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge The Theosophical Society on Thursday, at the Theosophical Hall, Mercantile Bank Building, Mr. John Russell, the President of the Lodge, delivered an address on "The Meaning of Life." He said in brief:—

Seeing in the material aspect of Nature merely the means by which the Spiritual Universe unfolds, Theosophy studies and reveals the laws of the unfolding life, within all forms, as the origin and directing factor of all material manifestation. Theosophy offers a philosophy, an explanation of life, which, not denying the facts of science, shows that the wastefulness in nature is only apparent, and that there is a higher purpose at work which is not visible to materialistic science. That purpose is: the evolution of life which is going on continuously behind the evolution of forms, and it is for the purpose that life might unfold that material evolution takes place. Theosophy proclaims that life is something altogether independent of matter, and that it can exist entirely apart from physical organisms. Life unfolds by means of the experience it receives through this and all organisms, all material forms are merely the instruments of experience—the vehicles through which the life within contacts the outer world and by reaction to outer conditions, develops its innate powers.

An Intelligent Purpose  
Life never dies. The experiences it has accumulated are not lost when the form is broken. It stores them within itself and uses them as a foundation, as a mould to build new and higher, more efficient organisms. It matters little when the form perishes, the life continues, enriched by the experiences it has received through them. The evolution of forms is but one side of the process of evolution. To understand the universe thoroughly we must also make a study of the evolution of life. There is an intelligent purpose at the foundation of our universe, and that purpose rests on an invisible bedrock of Law. This law regulates and sets the stage for our repeated descent on earth.

Man is an immortal Ego, essentially Divine, bearing within himself all the goodness, the beauty, the love of his Divinity. It is to awaken these within himself, to unfold them from latency to a full and radiant manifestation, to lose himself in them, to become IT, he returns to earth again and again clad in ever higher forms, and learns, through suffering and joy the effects of causes set going by himself, to know himself as Divine. The law is that causes set going by a man in one life work themselves out as effects in this and succeeding lives. This relationship, cause and effect, is the ruler of our destiny, and destiny is thus self made by each man and nation for himself.

A Mental Image  
From our physical, emotional and mental vehicles, as well as from our spiritual self go continually forth actions, desires, thoughts, aspirations and divine ideas which remain with us, as part of our consciousness. All thoughts, reflections, desires, ideas, aspirations and hopes, fleeting as they may be, leave an imprint on the mind in the shape of a mental image, and when, at death, man leaves his physical body behind, he carries away with him these mental acquisitions, which will condition his character and surroundings and "destiny" for his next life on earth. Such are the far-reaching effects of his experiences, joyous or painful; of his actions toward others, pleasure giving or harmful; of his ambitions, noble or base; of his desires, selfish or unselfish. Whatever a man sows, that he inevitably reaps, here, hereafter and on rebirth on earth.

Every act, thought, desire and ideal, is so much force thrown out into the Universe, to which the Universe unfailingly reacts, and this reaction, falling in due time upon the actor, we call destiny. The threads of destiny are, therefore, of our own weaving, and while in ignorance in the past

Marion Davies, Miss Asther and Jetta Gould in "The Cardboard Lover," at the Queen's on April 7 and 8.

## NOTICES.

### THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY (1918), LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., the General Managers, of the said Company "St. George's" Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 6th day of May, 1929, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the subjoined Resolutions will be proposed as Ordinary Resolutions.

1. That the authorised capital of the Company (which is now \$3,000,000 divided into 720,000 shares of the nominal value of \$5 each, the whole of which have been issued) be increased to \$5,000,000 by the creation of 280,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$5 each ranking as from date of allotment for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued capital.

2. That 30,000 of the said 280,000 additional shares be offered forthwith in the first instance (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of nine existing shares held by them respectively) to the members of the Company who on the 6th day of May, 1929, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 720,000 shares at par and so that on acceptance of the offer the full nominal amount of \$5 due in respect of each such share taken up shall be paid not later than the 4th day of July, 1929.

And that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by the member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined, and that the Directors of the Company be at liberty to fix such time and to extend it to such date or dates and upon such terms as they may think fit. And further that any of the said 30,000 shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

3. That no shareholder shall be entitled to any offer of a fraction of an additional share in respect of any odd share or shares held by such shareholder.

4. That the remaining 200,000 of the said 280,000 additional shares be issued in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th day of April, 1929, to SATURDAY, the 4th day of May, 1929 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

Dated the Twenty-eighth Day of March, 1929.

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we have created a destiny that puts undesirable limitations around us, we at any moment have the power to recreate, to send out new thoughts, to build a new destiny that will give us everything we hold desirable. By our thoughts and actions, desires and ideals do we create this destiny. Let us therefore choose right, and see that our thoughts and actions, desires and ideals deal with Truth and will bring to us the things most needed for our happiness and spiritual development.

No Blind Chance  
There is no such thing as blind chance, as immutable Law holds good throughout the Universe.

What people by "chance" really mean is that the cause for a certain occurrence is obscure, and cannot, therefore, as yet be provided for. Whilst he who studies and observes the working of the law of cause and effect in life, learns to guide his destiny with a firm hand, the ignorant or careless has to suffer not realising that suffering is avoidable to him who harmonises his whole being with the Law. All life is a game in which certain forces are in operation, and it is only the man who disregards the existence of the law who continues in suffering. The man who places his reliance in the will of a personal Deity is at the other end of the scale from the one believing in blind chance. Such a man believes that God will be beforehand everything that is to occur, and that nothing can, therefore, happen but what is willed and has the approval of God. It is an entirely unreasonable, fatalistic attitude, due to an incomplete understanding of the Law, and denies man any free will and power of choice, which man certainly possesses. Whilst final attainment is assured to all, yet the ways leading to it may be chosen by each man for himself.

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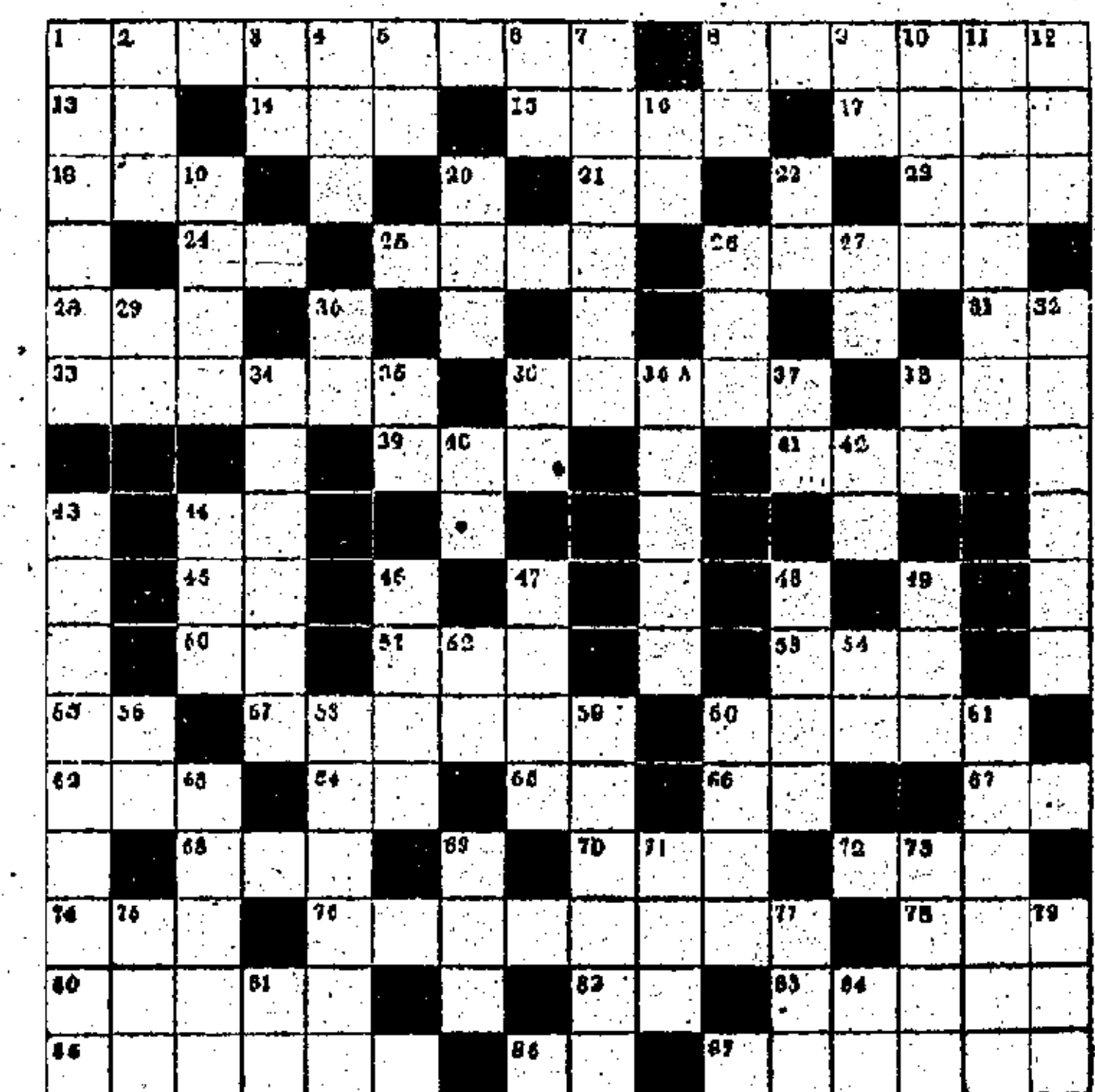
The following conditions must be observed:—

1. Every solution must be accompanied by an empty Thompson's tin (plain or chocolate) and coupon must be sent in to Messrs. Hut & Hui, Alexandra Building, Top floor, on or before Tuesday, 9th April after which no further solutions will be accepted.
2. Any solution with more than 3 errors will not be entertained.
3. Only one solution accepted from any one address.
4. The prize of 100 lbs. Thompson's Double-Malted Milk (plain or chocolate flavoured) will be given to the sender of the correct solution or the nearest correct solution.
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6. The Agents' decision will be final.
7. No correspondence.

Name .....

Address .....

Date sent .....



### HORIZONTAL

1. A popular brand of Malted Milk.
8. A reason for its popularity.
13. Woo.
14. A verb.
15. A state in the U.S.A.
17. Atmosphere.
18. "And the rest."
21. Same.
23. Cry.
24. Article.
25. Skin of a tree.
26. An impression.
28. A fish.
31. A day of the week (abbreviated).
33. A youngster.
36. Noble.
38. Establish (abbreviated).
39. A beverage.
41. A simpleton.
44. A verb.
45. Pound (abbreviated).
50. Behold.
51. A fowl.
53. Total.
55. Myself.
57. Erstwhile.
60. Crams.
62. A vegetable.
64. By.
65. Number (abbreviated).
66. A substitute for general terms.
67. One.
68. To light.
70. Run.
72. A bird.
74. A cereal.
76. Renewed.
78. Passion.
80. A relation.
82. Note in Scale (Mus.).
83. Sound.
85. Stride.
86. A pronoun.
87. Speared.

### VERTICAL

1. A score.
2. Can be taken . . . or cold.
3. Parent.
4. Prefix denoting before.
5. Point of compass.
6. Negation.
7. Given free with Thompson's.
8. Month (abbreviated).
9. Note in Scale (Mus.).
10. Session.
11. Explodes.
12. A pat.
14. A verb.
19. Son of Isaac.
20. Resinous substance.
22. Near.
26. Sol.
27. Morning.
29. AO (actual).
30. Us.
32. An imaginary island.
34. Bent.
35. A side.
36. Lead (abbreviated).
- 38a. Pertaining to a Royal Court.
37. Latin "And" (abbreviated).
38. Formerly.
40. Latin "And" (abbreviated).
42. Either.
43. An ideal night-cap.
44. Entire.
46. A note.
47. Immediately.
48. A vehicle.
49. A mountain.
52. God.
54. Behold.
56. Point of compass.
58. Spite.
59. Spirit.
60. Long.
61. SAURIE (actual).
63. Change.
69. Goddess of revenge (myth).
71. A particle.
73. An ingredient of Thompson's.
75. A small island.
77. A Decoration.
79. EDD (actual).
81. Company (abbreviated).
84. A colour on an escutcheon (Her).

The result will be published in our usual advertising space, on Friday, 12th April, 1929.



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It may be recalled that her gross tonnage is 19,700, her length being 612 ft. and her breadth 78 ft. There is accommodation for 415 first-class passengers in an equal number of single-berth cabins, and for 260 second-class passengers in 100 cabins. The crew carried will number 420.

## Public Rooms

The public rooms are capacious and are well ventilated on the Thermotank principle, while the decorations have been excellently carried out by Messrs. Waring and Gillow, Limited. The winches, windlass, capstans, engine-room pumps, and forced-draught fans are operated on the constant current system, devised by Messrs. Gilbert Austin, Limited, of Glasgow, and the whole of the heating and cooking is done electrically. Steam for the propelling machinery is supplied by six oil-fired Yarrow water-tube boilers. Four of these have an output of 35,000 lb. of steam per hour and are of sufficient capacity to enable the vessel to steam at 16.5 knots. The other two have an output of 20,000 lb. per hour.

## Propelling Plant

The propelling plant consists of two 9,000-h.p. B.T.H. turbo-alternators, which are supplied with steam at 350 lb. per square inch and a temperature of 700 deg. They are driven by two 8,500 shaft-horse-power propeller motors having a maximum speed of 109 r.p.m., one of which is coupled to each of the two shafts. In normal service, only one alternator is required and can supply up to 1,000 shaft-horse-power, but if the full designed speed of 19 knots is required the power delivered by both alternators will range up to 17,000 shaft-horse-power. Speed variation is effected from the turbines by adjusting a governor which operates directly on six admission valves, and any speed, up to the maximum of 2,690 r.p.m., can thus be obtained. Control is effected from a central control platform in the roomy and well-lighted engine room, and levers are provided for altering the direction, adjusting the field and speed, and attaining dead-slow movement. There is complete interlocking, so that operation is safe and simple. When running at half-speed on the cruises above referred to, the alternator pressure was 1,500 volts and the current per phase 300 amperes. At full speed, viz., 17.5 knots, the alternator pressure was 2,750 volts and the current per phase 600 amperes with a power factor of 0.98. Owing to the bad weather it has not yet been possible to obtain consumption results, but there seems no reason to suppose that these will not justify the optimism which was freely expressed recently.—"Engineering."

## DEAD OR NOT?

THE DEFENCE IN THE LAUNCH MORTGAGE CASE

Evidence was given by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, a solicitor of the Supreme Court, Hong Kong, at the Central Magistracy yesterday and defendant in the "steamer launch mortgage" case was committed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, First Police Magistrate, for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

Defendant is described in the charge sheet as Mak Chun-leong. He was charged with fraudulently mortgaging a launch to Dr. R. A. Basto and obtaining \$3,000 thereby. The launch is alleged to be the property of an association of seven porcelain firms.

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in Canton who purchased an armed launch to protect their trading junks plying between Swatow and Hong Kong.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Sr., indicated that the defence was that defendant, who was also charged with forging the signature of Ng Shing, was no other than Ng Shing himself.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon is prosecuting.

## EASTERN PORTS

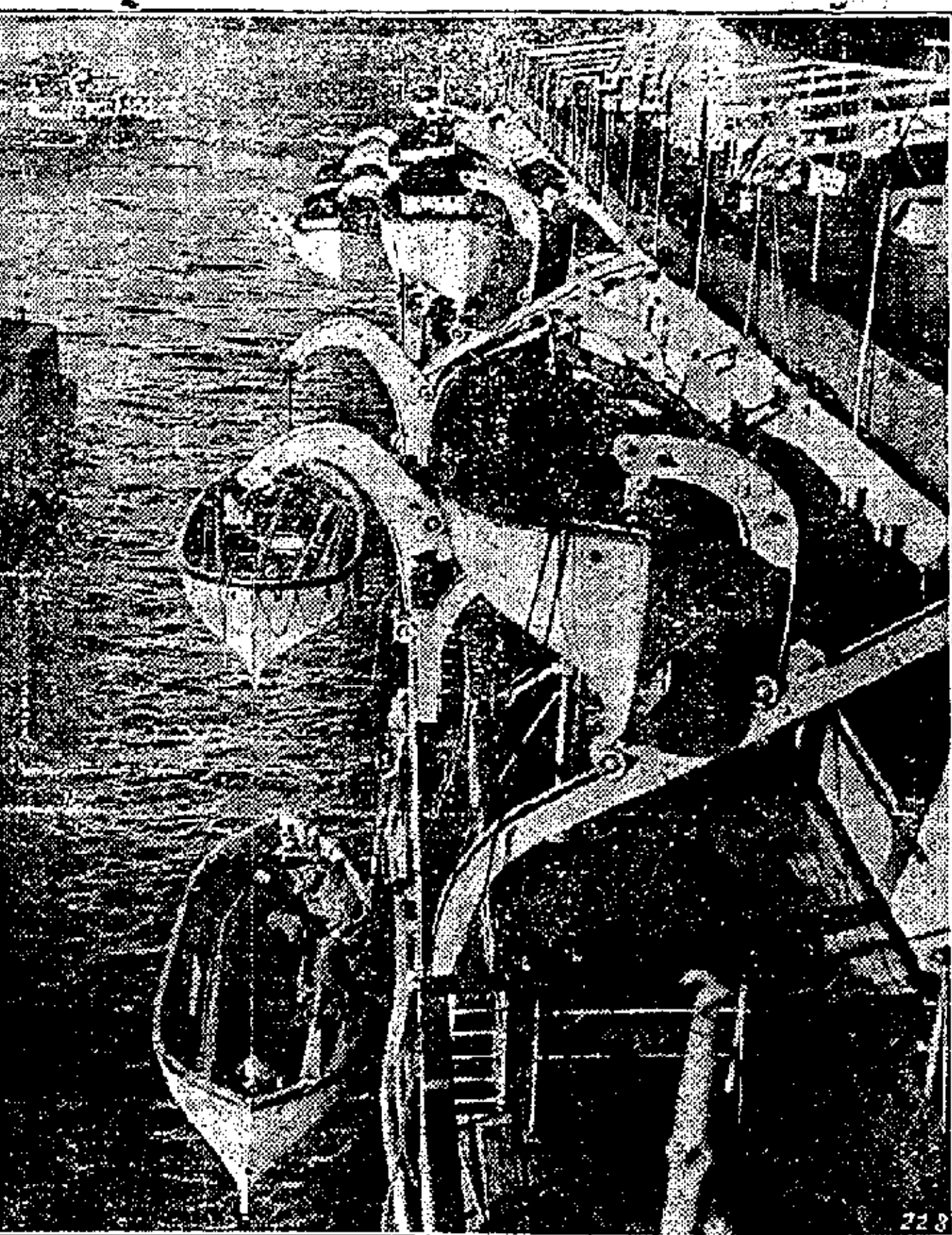
PLAGUE, SMALL-POX, AND CHOLERA CASES

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended March 30, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases, the figures in parenthesis indicating deaths:—

Plague: Suez 1, Baghdad 2 (1), Bombay (1), Penang 4 (4).  
Cholera: Bombay (1), Calcutta (79), Bangkok 3 (1), Penang 3 (2), Saigon 5, Canton 1.  
Small-pox: Aden 9 (4), Basrah 1 (1), Bombay 24 (51), Calcutta 22 (12), Karachi 58 (20), Moulesin 5 (1), Vizagapatnam 15 (2), Singapore 1, Penang 27 (14), Shanghai (6), Canton 33.

## FOUR YEARS AHEAD

A man booking his passage to America at the "Cunard" Company's West End office stated that he would be returning in four years, and would like accommodation reserved in the new giant "Cunarder" which he understood would shortly be built.



## Newest Lifeboat Gear

When the Canadian Pacific liner "Dorchester" arrived in New York recently to start a series of cruises to the West Indies, the crew, under the direction of Captain H. S. Gibbons and the officers, demonstrated the efficiency of her up-to-date lifeboat gear in a fashion that amazed the inspectors.

Shown above is the latest thing in lifeboat gear, a device, capable of lowering twenty-eight boats in ten minutes. The davits, which are controlled by one man, slide down the rails until the boat is at deck level. It is then lowered by gravity to the water and can be released by trigger, the falls then being hoisted again and attached to another boat which is hoisted on the same davit.

United States officials stated that this Wells-Maclean gear was the most efficient ever seen in New York.

## SEAMEN AND VOTES

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR TIME-LIMIT FORTHCOMING ELECTION

As regards the impending General Election the Mercantile Marine Department of the Board of Trade has recently written to the Imperial Merchant Service Guild as follows:—

"With reference to the letter (No. M12/88/25) addressed to you on the 19th August, 1925, enclosing copies of a notice, No. 591, entitled 'Parliamentary elections: Voting by merchant seamen, fishermen, etc., I am directed by the Board of Trade to enclose six copies of an amending slip, which has been prepared for pasting over the lower part of the notice. The slip indicates the special provisions that have been made with regard to the limit for claims by seamen and others wishing to become absent voters in order to vote at the general election of 1929. The Board would be glad if you would be so good as to bring these arrangements to the notice of members of your Guild."

The official notice referred to reads:—  
"A merchant sea man or fisherman or any other elector whose employment may take him away from home might not be able to vote in person at the polling station on the occasion of a Parliamentary election.

"But he can claim to become an absent voter, so as to vote by post, or, in certain circumstances, by proxy.  
"Having once claimed to become an absent voter he will without further claim be an absent voter and will vote as such, so long as he is registered as an elector for the same qualifying address, until he notifies the registration officer of his desire not to be an absent voter."

"An elector who is not already an absent voter and wishes to become one should make a claim at once."

The amending slip enclosed by the Board in their letter—to take the place of the existing foot note—is as follows:—

"An elector who is not already an absent voter and wishes to become one should make a claim at once, in order to vote in the forthcoming election of 1929."

"Note.—Forms of claim can be obtained from the Mercantile Marine Office or Custom House at any port of the United Kingdom, or from any local fishery office, or from the registration officer."

"In England and Wales and Northern Ireland claims should be sent in before the 27th February, 1929, and in Scotland before the 12th March, 1929."

Any members of the Guild requiring further information on this subject should apply without delay to the secretary.—"Journal of Commerce."

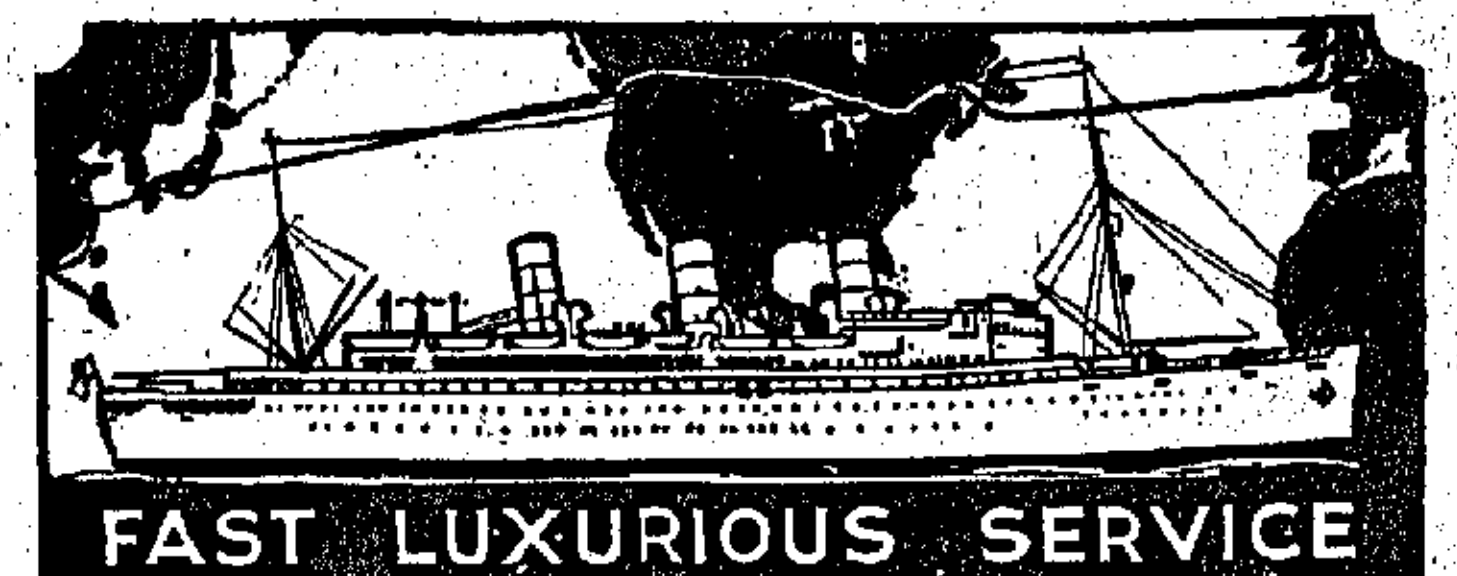
## LAUNCH SUNK

Whilst manoeuvring alongside the Eastern steamer wharf at the Praya, Saiyungun district, yesterday, a cargo of 200 baskets of salt fish slipped to the starboard side of the s.s. "Kwong Sing," a launch owned by the Kwong Sing Steam Launch Company, which sank only twenty feet from the wharf. A strong east wind was blowing at the time (3.15 p.m.) and the tide was running in the opposite direction. In seven minutes the launch sank, but not before the entire crew of ten had been rescued. The launch came with the cargo in question from Sai Kung.

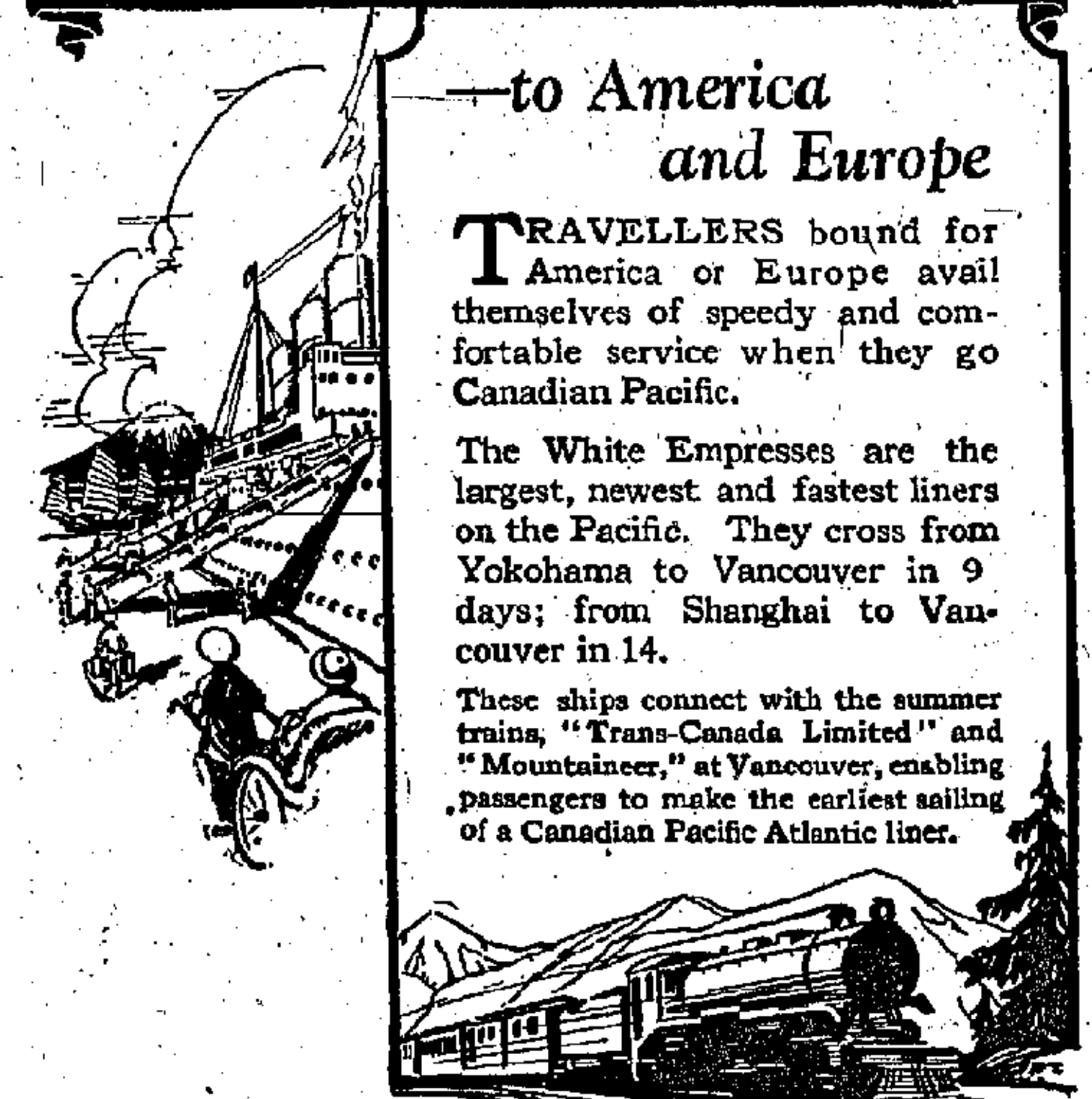
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The s.s. "City of Kharthoum" for Singapore and Europe, April 8.  
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The s.s. "Tinhov" for Saigon and South Africa, April 18.  
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KARMA	9,128	20th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*ALIPORA	5,273	24th Apr.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
MANTUA	10,946	27th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*NAGPORA	5,263	4th May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
*KIDDERPORA	5,334	8th May	Straits & Bombay.
KALYAN	9,144	11th May	Marseilles, London & Hull.
MOREA	10,953	25th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*LAHORE	5,262	1st June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotter- dam & Hamburg.

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*GAMBADA	5,307	6th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SANTHIA	7,764	17th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,006	21st Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKLIWA	7,936	6th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,949	9th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALAMBA	8,013	21st May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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TANDA	6,956	31st May	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th July	
ARAFURA	6,000	2nd Aug.	
TANDA	6,956	30th Aug.	

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TAKLIWA	7,935	10th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama & Osaka.
KALYAN	9,144	12th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*JEYPORE	5,318	15th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ARAFURA	10,946	16th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,949	17th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MOREA	10,953	25th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALAMBA	8,013	28th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TALMA	10,000	30th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama & Osaka.
TANDA	6,956	7th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
*PERIM	7,648	9th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
DELTA	8,097	10th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
		14th May	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TILAWA	10,006	22nd May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	10,568	24th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	4th June	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.

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## SOUTH POLE

ANGLO-AMERICAN CLAIMS  
UNDER CONSIDERATION

AERIAL POSSIBILITIES

Washington, Yesterday.  
The potentialities of the Ant-  
arctic Continent for aviation  
bases and the existence of coal,  
mica, and other mineral resources,  
also the fact that the surrounding  
waters contain practically all the  
world's supply of whales, are stated  
to be the principal factors in a  
new Anglo-American diplomatic  
controversy.

The "New York Herald-Tribune"  
states that Britain has diplomati-  
cally brought attention to the  
fact that Commander Byrd's recent  
explorations were made over British  
territory. It adds that the  
British Note virtually claimed  
sovereignty of the entire South  
Polar region, a part of which is  
already being administered by the  
Governor-General of Australia.

The newspaper asserts that the  
State Department have prepared a  
note disputing the British claims.  
It is pointed out that Mr. C. S.  
Hughes, Secretary of State in 1924,  
expressed his reluctance to assert  
the United States right to sover-  
eignty over Wilkes Land.

The State Department's recent  
reversal of this attitude is ascribed  
to the realization of the aerial  
importance of the Polar mountain  
caps, which offer the shortest  
routes between land masses on  
either side.—Reuter's American  
Service.

### Comment in London

London, Yesterday.  
Authoritative circles in London  
are unaware of the impending des-  
patch of a United States  
Note to Britain, but it is  
declared that such a Note may  
refer to an earlier British com-  
munication offering to grant all  
possible facilities to Comdr. Byrd  
when exploring in the neighbour-  
hood of British Antarctic posses-  
sions.

It is pointed out that Britain  
has always claimed certain areas  
in the Ross Sea and Falkland Is-  
lands Dependencies.—Reuter.

### Washington Surprised

Washington, Yesterday.  
State Department officials are  
very surprised at the reports in  
the British Press to the effect that  
the United States is preparing a  
Note contesting the British claims  
in the Antarctic and ridiculing the  
suggestion of a diplomatic contro-  
versy.

It appears that several months  
ago the British Embassy forward-  
ed to the State Department a  
Note permitting Comdr. Byrd to  
use British territory in the Ant-  
arctic and pointing out that Brit-  
ain had sovereignty over certain  
lands in that region.

The State Department has not  
yet replied to that Note but there  
is no indication that any action  
regarding it is contemplated, at  
least at present.—Reuter's Ameri-  
can Service.

## INDIAN POLITICS

UPROAR OVER PUBLIC  
SAFETY BILL

RULING IN ASSEMBLY

New Delhi, Yesterday.  
These were crowded galleries and  
considerable liveliness in the Legis-  
lative Assembly on the resump-  
tion of the debate as to whether the  
Public Safety Bill could be discuss-  
ed.  
The members of the Simon Com-  
mission were present.  
The proceedings terminated in an  
uproar when Mr. Patel, the Presi-  
dent, reserved his ruling.—Reuter.

### Further Discussion

New Delhi, Yesterday.  
Mr. Motilal Nehru claimed that  
the standing orders showed that  
discussion was impossible without  
infringing matters that were sub  
judice.

Sir Darcy Lindsay (European  
member) denied this, and said that  
Mr. Patel was trying to assume the  
position of dictator, contrary to the  
example of the Speaker of the  
House of Commons.

Sir B. Mitter (law member) who  
was constantly interrupted, quoted  
the Parliamentary procedure by  
which the President was bound to  
accept the House's decision regard-  
ing any position not covered by  
precedent or the standing orders.—  
Reuter.

[A New Delhi cable published  
yesterday stated:—Mr. James  
Clerk, C.S.I., the Home Member,  
announced in the Assembly that the  
Government view of the rules was  
that the President, Mr. Patel, was  
not empowered to disallow discus-  
sion on the Public Safety Bill while  
the Merit trials were progressing,  
as the President, Mr. Patel, had  
ruled on April 2.]

### MR. F. B. KELLOGG

Paris, Yesterday.  
Mr. F. B. Kellogg, ex-Secretary  
of State, has arrived here.—Reu-  
ter.

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est battle in Mexican revolutionary  
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volution, which left the Federals in  
possession of La Reforma and  
Jimenez.

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piled in three heaps beside the rail-  
way line, and 1,000 lying wounded.  
—Warning From U.S.A.

Washington, Yesterday.  
At the request of Mr. H.  
Stimson, Secretary of State,  
the Navy Department is  
sending a destroyer to Port Topo-  
labampo to protect Americans and  
other foreigners in the State of  
Sinaloa, which is endangered by  
the retreat of the Mexican rebels  
in that region.

As a result of the continued  
dropping of bombs from rebel  
aeroplanes on the American town  
of Naco, Arizona, Mr. Stimson has  
requested the Secretary of War to  
warn the insurgent leaders.—Reu-  
ter's American Service.

## THE KING

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AT BOGNOR

London, Yesterday.  
The King passed a good day.  
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VAAL FARMER

SEQUEL TO NATIVE'S DEATH

Capetown, Yesterday.

Sentence by the Bethel (Trans-  
vaal) Circuit Court of ten lashes  
and 7 years' hard labour on a white  
farmer, Jack Nafte, who was found  
guilty of the manslaughter of a  
native employee, has caused a

sensation among farmers thorough-  
out the country.

It is alleged that the native was  
flogged severely, tied by a leg to a  
tree head downwards, and that he  
died from shock as the result of  
his injuries, which included broken  
ribs and breast-bone.  
General Hertzog, the Premier,  
has ordered the postponement of  
the lashes pending an investigation.  
—Reuter.

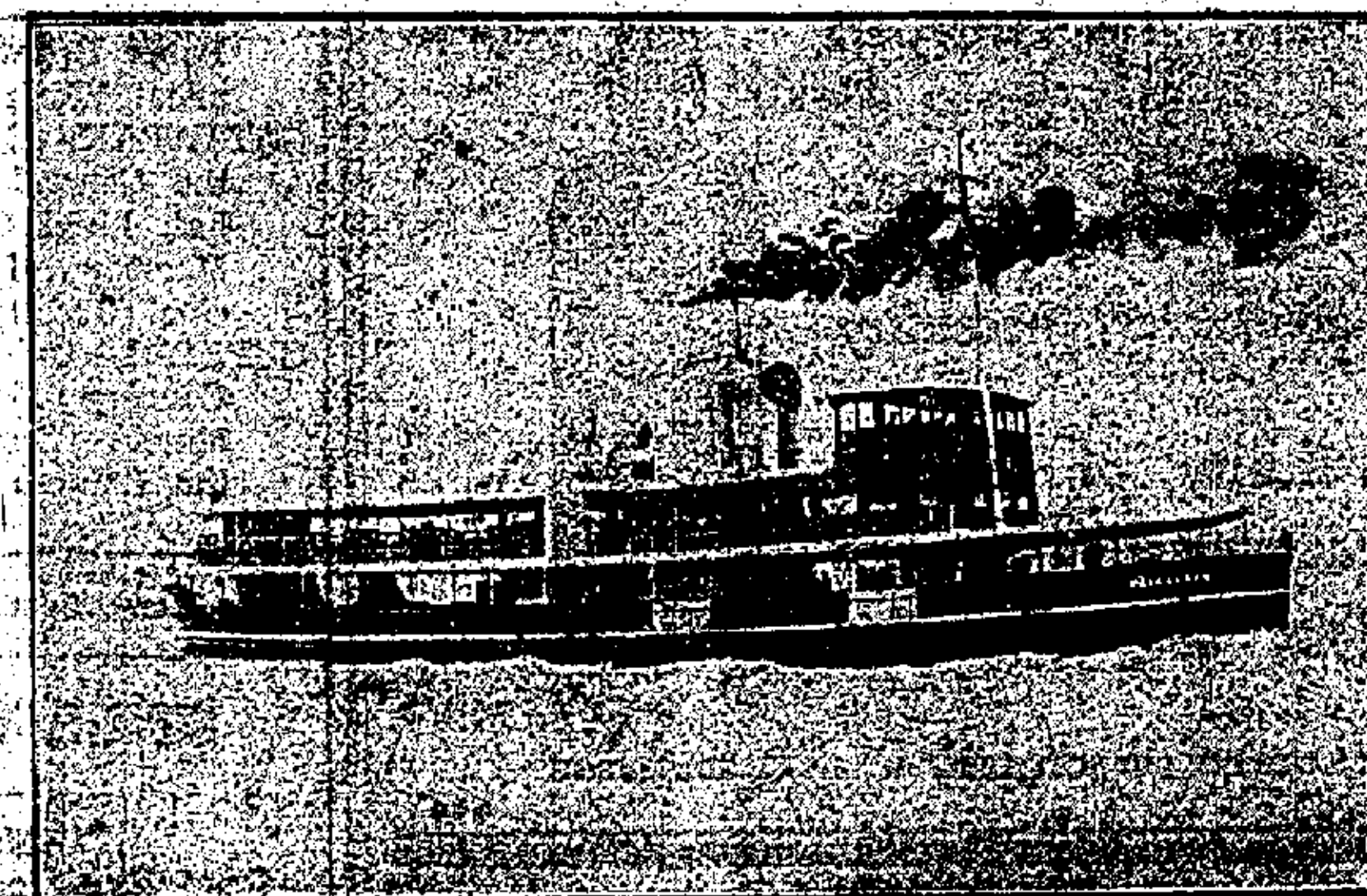
Mrs. Henry Lugg, of Tregedden,  
St. Martin, Cornwall, has died,  
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## BIRTHS

BATES.—On March 28, to the  
Rev. W. P. and Mrs. Bates of  
Ningpo, a son.BUCKLEY.—On March 29, at  
Victoria Nursing Home,  
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.  
T. A. Buckley a son.HUCKSTEP.—On March 28, at the  
Country Hospital, Shanghai, to  
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Huck-  
step, a son.

## MARRIAGES

EDDINGTON—OLSTEN.—On  
March 23, at Tientsin, in  
H.B.M. Consulate, and later  
at All Saints Church, Francis  
Smollet Eredabene Edding-  
ton, of Reading, England, to  
Audrey Adele, younger daugh-  
ter of the late Capt. R. T.  
Olsen and Mrs. Margaret Olsen  
of Shanghai.HAMILL-WALLACE.—On Feb-  
ruary 6, in New York, Miss  
Velma Mary Hamill, of  
Toronto, Canada, to Rev.  
Edward Wilson Wallace, of  
Shanghai.

## DEATHS

BAGAT.—On March 31, at the  
General Hospital, Shanghai,  
Peter Bagat, Kiangsu (Che-  
mical Works, aged 52 years.CATTAPAN.—On March 30, at  
the General Hospital, Shang-  
hai, Luigi Cattapan, aged 54.  
Member of Shanghai Muni-  
cipal Orchestra.CUPPELL.—On March 30, at the  
Country Hospital, Shanghai,  
Manlio Cuppell, aged 40,  
of the Chinese Customs Service.

Hong Kong, Saturday, April 6, 1929.

## STILL WATERS

Good Bye to the local Portuguese  
community will re-  
gret to say "Good-  
bye" to the Gov-  
ernor of Macao and his charming  
wife and daughter when they  
leave Hong Kong for their native  
land tomorrow. During his brief  
regime in Macao Signor Barbosa  
has co-operated to the full in  
cementing still closer the tiesthat bind the two petit Colonies  
of Hong Kong and Macao. It is  
difficult at the moment to say  
which of the two Governors—Sir  
Cecil Clementi or Signor Barbosa  
—has been the more energetic in  
fostering this kindly spirit of  
Concord. That may be a matter  
for their respective biographers  
in the years to come. Meantime  
it may be said that the two Col-  
onies know each other better, and  
appreciate the other's little dif-  
ficulties much better to-day than  
say, even two years and a half  
ago. Signor Barbosa and his  
family have come to regard Hong  
Kong not merely as a neighbour  
but as a friend at whose "fire-  
side" they have ever been wel-  
come to come and warm their  
hearts with the glow of sym-  
pathy that makes the whole  
world kin. May the Governor of  
Macao and his family enjoy their  
trip to Portugal and return here  
with the assurance that  
they are coming back to friends  
and well-wishers in the best sense  
of the term.

## Daylight Saving

The series of very  
interesting 1 a w n  
tennis matches in  
connection with the  
tournament at the Hong Kong  
Cricket Club has brought home to  
many people more than before the  
advantages of some sort of day-  
light saving scheme. Toward the  
end of a protracted game of  
tennis the light is not by any  
means good, and some players do  
hesitate to take advantage of it  
by appealing for a suspension of  
play on the score of bad light.  
Moreover, the spectators have  
likewise to be considered, particu-  
larly when they pay for admis-  
sion to see a full programme and  
not one curtailed by sudden twi-  
light. It seems that it is idle to  
ask the Government to introduce  
a Daylight Saving Bill—why, it  
can only be guessed—and the  
General Chamber of Commerce  
evidently thinks that the matter  
is much too trifling to come under  
its official ken. One or two firms  
have long since set the lead by so  
regulating their hours for their  
staffs as to enable the latter to  
have plenty of time for participa-  
tion in sport before it gets dark,  
but as often as not these mean-  
der along "on their own" await-  
ing the orthodox "knocking off"  
time of their fellow (or sister)  
sportsmen (or sportswomen).  
"Tis a wonder indeed that the  
movement has not voluntarily  
made headway.Before the present  
crisis in Kwang-  
tung arose an edict  
went forth that  
Government staffs in Canton  
were expected to be at their office  
desks at eight o'clock in the  
morning, as it was thought, and  
thought rightly, that too much  
good daylight had been previously  
frittered away before most folk  
began their day's work. Here  
many start at half-past eight and  
many more at nine, but that does  
not permit their sleeping in good  
time in the afternoon to change  
and go off to the soccer, tennis, or  
hockey grounds in time to indulge  
in a full-timed game. If all were  
to start much earlier than at present  
they could easily adapt  
themselves and everybody else to  
a voluntary Daylight Saving  
scheme, with, in addition,  
healthier physiques and better  
efficiency in the day's duties.  
There would be no need to put  
back the hands of the clock inWinter or any other season here:  
given a universal desire to start  
work earlier in the morning and  
cease duty earlier in the afternoon  
everything else would automati-  
cally fit in.In the neighbour-  
hood of that  
well-known Peak  
landmark, Mount  
Kellet Crest, to be  
precise—there is at the present  
moment, as there has been for  
some time past, very consider-  
able activity with regard to the  
building of the War Memorial  
Hospital. When it is erected and  
ready for occupation it will be,  
we are told, in every respect a  
worthy institution. Meanwhile,  
quite a goodly portion of the  
Crest is being levelled, fort-like  
retaining walls and sundry build-  
ings that have served their day  
and generation are being de-  
molished, so that foundations,  
solid and secure, for the new hos-  
pital may be substituted and a fine  
building, which will add to the  
lovely amenities of the district,  
be placed thereon.Simultaneously, a  
motor road is be-  
ing erected on the  
east side of the  
Crest and work is being conduct-  
ed expeditiously. The scene is  
one of considerable activity, as  
the proposed road covers a wide  
area and will extend, we believe,  
as far as the Matilda Hospital.  
Survey lines mark the route and a  
miniature "railway" covers a  
large portion of the surface.  
Over the rails are being trundled  
numerous iron trolley loads of  
soil, filling up the wide spaces  
and widening the existing road.  
It is a big undertaking and is  
being carried out under the super-  
vision of the Public Works De-  
partment. Near the fine house un-  
der the crest recently occupied by the  
Captain Superintendent of Police  
and now the home of the Colonial  
Secretary, a very large "filling-in"  
is receiving the attention of an  
army of coolies, of both sexes. To  
expedite matters here a pierlike  
structure has been erected which  
enables the "dumping-down" or  
the "filling-up" to be done in the  
most approved and scientific man-  
ner.Very little change  
has been effected  
in the Mount  
Kellet district for  
a long time and  
the quiet beauty of the place,  
with its magnificent views, east  
and west, is among the glories of  
the Peak. The new hospital, the  
new motor road, with vehicles  
hurrying along its surface, the  
many changes which these con-  
cessions to the spirit of progress  
must necessarily bring about, will  
considerably alter and, in some  
respects, mar the natural beauty  
of the place. Still from the point  
of view of progress and "up-to-  
dateness" the amenities of the  
district will doubtless be improv-  
ed—and that nowadays is by  
many regarded as all-important.What's in a name,  
the old saying  
goes. Well might  
Number one ask to-  
day what's in a num-  
ber. It is notorious that if there  
are 10,000 tickets in a lottery or  
cash sweep, very many people  
fight shy of No. 1 and No. 10,000  
—the first and last. The com-  
mon belief is that these numbers  
"can never come up." It was dis-  
proved last Saturday at the  
second extra meeting of the  
Hong Kong Jockey Club when a  
Portuguese resident drew, with  
ticket No. 1, two first prizes in  
successive races, enriching him-  
self by more than \$4,400. If any-  
body cares to test the law of  
averages over a sufficiently long  
period, it will be found that No. 1  
has an equal chance with No. 13,  
No. 777, or any other of the num-  
bers popularly conceded to be  
"jossy."A few years ago, an American  
resident offered to buy a certain  
ticket (with either four or five  
digits) in a \$10 Derby sweep run  
by a local Chinese Club for \$50.  
This was months before the draw.  
"He had a hunch," he said, that  
that number was going to draw  
a certain pony. It didn't. Nor  
was he able to buy the ticket in  
question because it was sold out  
of the Colony. And what about  
the Shantung policeman who  
won nearly \$14,000 in the Lusit-  
ano Club? Celebrations in  
"Wei-hai-wei more far" can be  
visualised, we think.A sports correspon-  
dent suggests that  
Too Much Hong Kong  
Jockey Club Stew-  
ards will find that  
they have erred in having three  
race days this month. We do not  
think so. A few years ago, the  
custom began of holding the first  
extra meeting of the year a week  
after the last day of the annual  
meeting. Which is obviously to  
the advantage of those actively  
engaged in the Sport of Kings.  
Ponies are still in training, an en-try can be made more convenient  
by to qualify for such trophies as  
the Chater Cup, some of the  
Shanghai jockeys can be induced  
to remain the extra week, owners  
of subscription griffins have an-  
other chance of making up their  
minds whether they will sell or  
live in the land of hopes; slug-  
gards are given the opportunity  
of trying again—and the first  
half of the extra season com-  
mences earlier.The good work having started,  
it is wise, therefore, to get  
through the first half year as  
quickly as possible so that the  
public (mentioned first by de-  
sign), the ponies, and those en-  
gaged have longer respite during  
the summer. The second half  
of the year then comes on normally.  
But if the hectic week-ends of the  
last two years are recalled, it will  
be seen that local turfites are get-  
ting less, because Macao has had  
no races for some time, steeple-  
chases at Fanling do not come  
round so often (and are held on  
Sunday for a change) and the  
writer, for one, intends to spend  
a few dollars on April 13—and  
again on April 27—at Happy  
Valley. More power for good to  
the Stewards!The Prohibition amendment...  
has turned many respectable  
people into law-breakers, caused  
no small amount of violence and  
crime and placed the country in  
the unhealthy condition of being  
at odds with itself. Dr. A.  
Lawrence Lowell, president of  
Harvard University, asserts: "...  
As every one knows, the law is  
not enforced, and as time goes on  
it seems to be less and less  
effective." If the prohibition-  
ists insist that their princi-  
ple unabated shall remain  
the formal law, they will  
probably make enforcement  
impossible, hamper the growth of  
temperance and perpetuate viola-  
tion of the law and of good order.  
—"Washington (D.C.) Star."Mr. J. A. Tarrant, Secretary of  
Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co.,  
Limited, left for Home to-day, ac-  
companied by his wife and  
daughter. Mr. and Mrs. D. M.  
Goodall left by the same steamer.To-day at 6.30 p.m. Swami  
Gopaladas, an eminent Indian  
Sadhur, will deliver a lecture on  
"Hindu Philosophy and Yoga," at  
the "Sindhi Merchants' Club,  
China Building. All members are  
cordially invited.The gross receipts of the two  
Dancing Displays given by Miss  
Violet Capell amounted to \$1,200.  
Miss Capell has taken with her  
£20 which she will be handing to  
Viscount Knutsford for the Lon-  
don Hospital, and two other local  
charities are benefiting also.Returning Home on leave, the  
Rev. W. W. Rogers, Vicar of St.  
Andrew's Church, will be among  
the passengers sailing at noon to-  
day on the "Hakusan Maru." Mr.  
Rogers, who leaves with his wife  
and family, will return in six  
months' time.Bonham-strand East was the  
scene of a motor accident yester-  
day afternoon, when two cars met  
in a head-on collision. Both  
vehicles (public cars) were badly  
damaged. Another accident re-  
sulting in a risha being totally  
destroyed occurred yesterday at  
noon, when motor car No. 463  
ran into it in Connaught-road near  
Wardley-street. No casualties  
are reported in either accident.The case in which a Chinese  
woman living at Shamshuipo has  
summoned her husband, a return-  
ing Chinese from America, for  
cruelty, desertion and neglect to  
provide for her, was again heard  
before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at  
the Kowloon Magistracy yester-  
day afternoon. It was mentioned  
that an agreement had been ar-  
rived at before the Secretariat of  
Chinese Affairs, the husband  
having promised to pay \$30 a  
month and provide his wife with  
a flat, or 40 without the flat. The  
question of costs was to be de-  
cided by the Magistrate. It was  
then agreed that complainant  
should receive \$40, the question  
of costs would be settled later.A peculiar report was made  
yesterday afternoon to the Police  
by a Chinese house boy of the ex-  
periences that befell him while on  
his way from the Peak to Aber-  
deen on the new Aberdeen-road.  
He said that he was on a visit to  
his father, and while near No. 38  
Bridge, he overtook three men.  
While passing them one of their  
number pointed a revolver at him,  
and, advancing on him, gripped  
him by the throat in an endeavour  
to search him. The boy, however,  
threw his assailant from him, but  
after a struggle lasting a few  
moments, he broke away. The  
three would-be robbers then ran  
after him, but gave up the at-  
tempt after a short chase. When  
last seen the three men were  
heading toward Wanchai-gap.The name of the Yuet Tung S.S.  
Co., Ltd., has been struck off the  
register of companies.Mr. F. E. Nash, the local solici-  
tor, left for Home to-day by the  
"Hakusan Maru."The following appointment was  
made by the Secretary of State  
for the Colonies during the month  
ended January 31.—Hong Kong:  
Miss V. N. Brett, Nursing Sister.Among the passengers sailing  
for London to-day on the s.s.  
"Hakusan Maru" is Mr. A. S.  
Abbott, manager of Messrs. Kelly  
and Walsh, Ltd. During his ab-  
sence Mr. S. O. Gregory will be  
in charge.Miss Elsie Thomson, M.B.,  
Ch.B. Edin., D.P.H., London, of  
the Public Health Department of  
East Ham, who died at Kew on  
March 6 at the age of 35, was  
the younger daughter of Dr. J. C.  
Thomson, lately of the Govern-  
ment Medical Service of Hong  
Kong, and Mrs. Thomson.Yesterday afternoon, the Kow-  
loon Fire Brigade received a call  
from the Shamshuipo Police Sta-  
tion notifying them of a grass  
fire which had broken out on the  
hillside near the Kowloon Water-  
works. One appliance was dis-  
patched, and succeeded in extin-  
guishing the outbreak, which was  
of a small nature.The death occurred at Exeter  
on March 4 of Mr. George P.  
Curry, who was for many years  
secretary of the Hong Kong and  
China Gas Company. Retiring in  
1924 he went home with his wife  
and family and settled down in  
his native town. He had been a  
sufferer for something like two  
years. The funeral took place on  
March 7."Raphael and His Vatican Pic-  
tures" was the subject of an in-  
teresting lecture by Father D. J.  
Finn, M.A., S.J., to the Uni-  
versity Arts Association last night,  
when Professor L. Forster pre-  
sided. Father Finn paid particu-  
lar attention to the frescoes on  
the walls of the Vatican apart-  
ments known as the Stanza da  
Raffaello.Passengers on the P. and O.  
"Kalyan" due to arrive next  
week include Miss W. J. Adams,  
Mr. D. Black, Miss V. N. Brett,  
Mr. J. A. Dewhurst, Mr. H. H.  
Hurst, Lieut. W. F. Edds, R.M.,  
Mr. T. J. Fawcett, Mrs. Freeman,  
Miss Freeman, Miss E. Geldart,  
Mr. H. C. Hegarty, Miss H. R. M.  
Korte, Mr. and Mrs. W. A.  
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Mr. D. S. Pethick, Mr. C. T.  
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Mr. G. White.

## "THE DOVER ROAD"

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The eagerly anticipated first  
performance of "The Dover  
Road" will be given at the The-  
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dress rehearsal took place last  
night and was much appreciated  
by an audience chiefly consisting  
of Service men.The curtain will rise punctual-  
ly at 9.15 and those attending the  
performance are requested to be  
in their seats by that time, in  
order that the action of the play  
may not be interrupted.Further performances are being  
given on Tuesday, Thursday, Fri-  
day and Saturday, 9th, 11th, 12th,  
and 13th April.Booking is at the Anderson  
Music Company.

## CHEUNG CHAU NOTES

(From Our Correspondent)

Cheung Chau, Friday.  
The Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E.,  
paid a recent visit to inspect the  
Girls' School and take the morning  
service.On Easter Sunday, the Rev.  
F. Short conducted a Communion  
service in the London Mission  
House, which was attended by a  
few of the residents and visitors.Although the week-end was  
cloudy and the much-needed rain  
fell, several houses were reocu-  
pied for the holiday which bright-  
ened up toward the end.The old "Morning Star" has  
been put back on the run and is  
very unsatisfactory, being very  
low in the water. When the tide  
is out the gang plank is at a very  
acute angle—impossible for the  
ladies to mount. On one occa-  
sion, the boat moved after the  
plank had been let down and it  
fell into the harbour when at the  
Hong Kong wharf.The demand for houses is be-  
coming more brisk, and certain  
months are fully booked.Ching Ming celebrations were  
carried on as usual.  
Progress is being made with  
the ticket office at the Cheung  
Chau pier. Had it been larger it  
could also have served as a shelter  
for passengers when the wea-  
ther is stormy.



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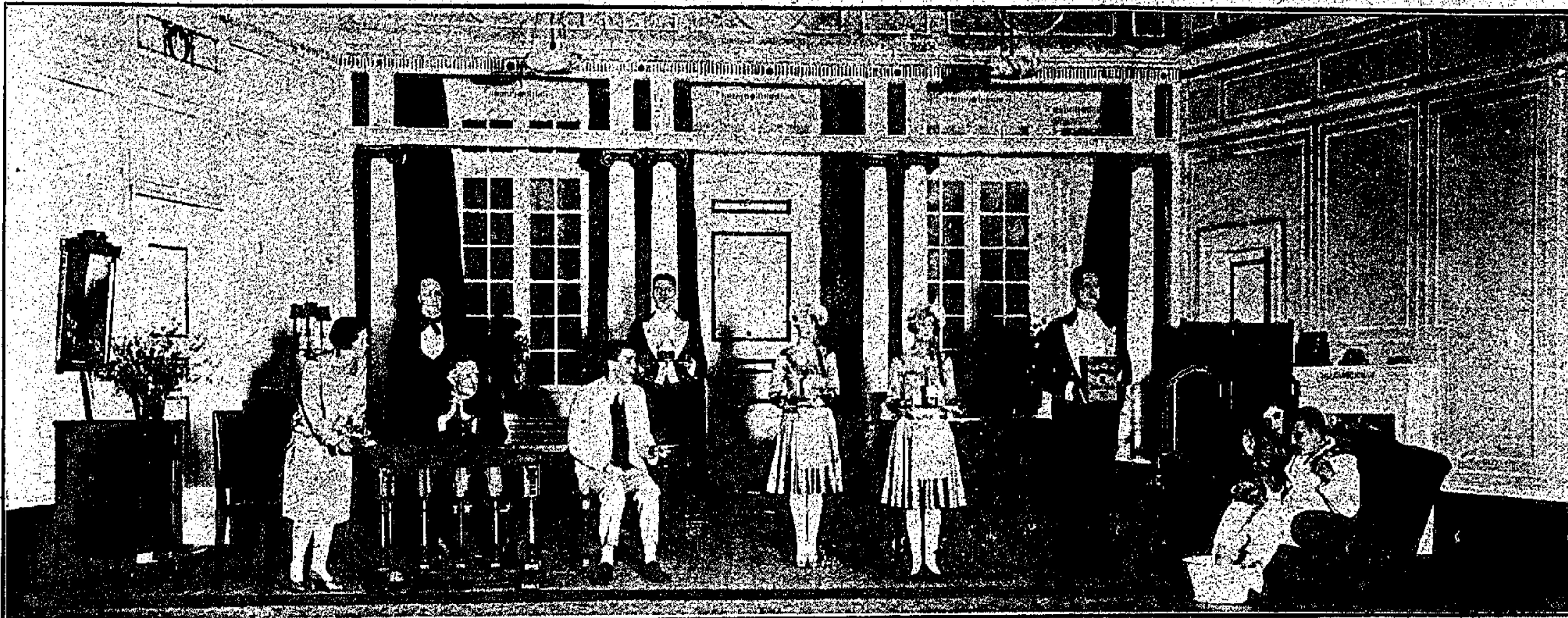
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PIONEER ART SUPPLEMENT.

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HONG KONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY'S PRODUCTION.—At the Theatre Royal, opening night to-night, and next week. Left to right:—Marjorie Taylor as "Anne," L. Stewart Goss as "Dominic," A. N. Lucey as "Mr. Latimer," A. C. Braine-Hartnell as "Nicholas," S. C. Banks, Evelyn O'Hagan, Margaret Buné and G. D. Mead as "the Staff," Fay Grossman as "Eustasia," J. H. Raikes as "Leonard." A scene from A. A. Milne's great success "The Dover Road," which is well worth seeing.



SERVICEMEN AND THEIR LADY FRIENDS IN FESTIVE MOOD.—At the Royal Artillery Association's carnival dance at the Royal Engineers' Theatre in Wellington Barracks, Hong Kong.—(K. Fujiyama).



HONG KONG RESIDENT IN THE NEW YEAR HONOURS.—Mr. Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E. (hitherto Chairman of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce), who is sitting ninth from the left in the front row, was entertained at dinner by his fellow-natives of the Nam Hoi district at the Kam Ling restaurant, in honour of his receiving the C.B.E. The Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D., who was also a guest, is eighth from the left, and Mr. Lo Kit-ping (Chairman of the Nanyai District Commercial Guild in Hong Kong), who presided, is tenth from the left, these two last-named being on either side of Mr. Li.—(Chung Wah Studio).



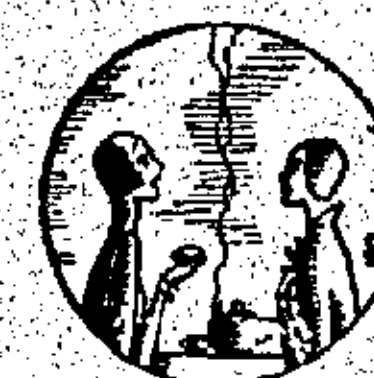
GOVERNOR OF MACAO.—Senhor. Barbosa, who leaves Hong Kong on the "President Monroe" to-morrow on long leave with his family and is to be feted at the Club Lusitano to-day.



AT STONECUTTERS.—Some of the members of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps during the Easter holidays taking part in the annual rifle meeting of the Corps.—(K. Fujiyama).



COLONY'S TENNIS DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.—At the Hong Kong Cricket Club last week, in the annual lawn tennis tournament, S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn, cousins (holders in 1925-1928), defeating the best Japanese pair, T. Honda and T. Akiyama, in five sets.—(K. Fujiyama).



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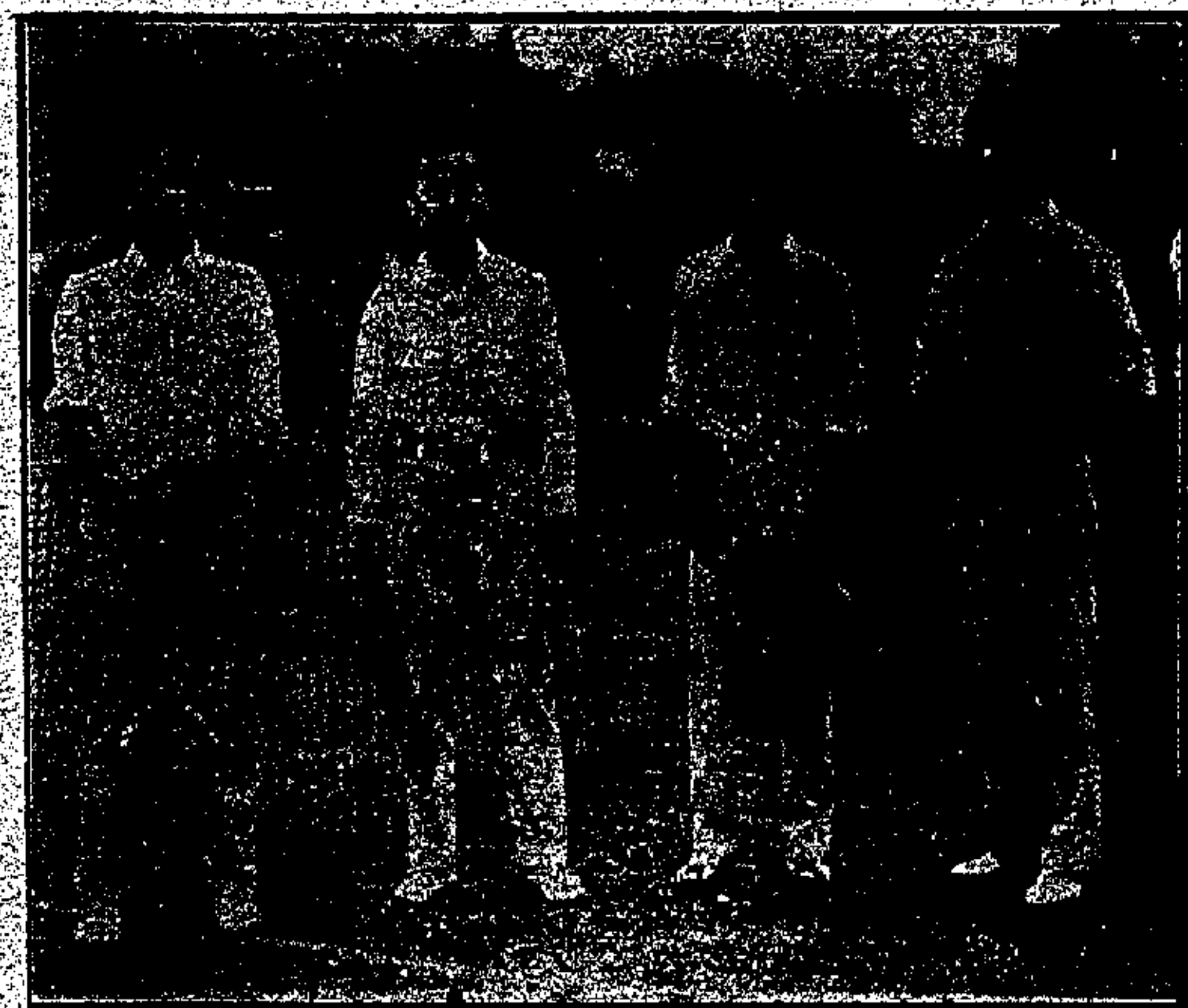
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SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST MISSION.—At Nanning, in Kwangsi, the centre of the great work of Dr. D. D. Coffin (the tallest figure) and the Rev. P. V. Thomas (the other "European" in the centre), with hospital helpers.—Photo taken by Dr. A. Cannon of Hong Kong in his travels.—Strict copyright.



TENNIS STALWARTS.—Right to left, S. A. Rumjahn (singles champion of the Colony in 1927), H. D. Rumjahn (joint doubles champion with S. A. from 1925-1928), T. Honda (singles champion in 1923 and on previous occasions) and his doubles partner T. Akiyama.—(K. Fujiyama).





Frills of Yesterday.

## WOMEN'S



## FANCIES



Thrills of To-day.

## The Latest Evening Frocks



Two exclusive Reville creations. The gown on left is of lacquer red and burnished gold lame, made in a distinctive style with graduated frills at back and long side draperies, while that on right is a dainty confection of primrose tulle with insertions of lace, the long trail of roses from shoulder to hem making a dainty finish to the old-world fullness of the skirt. (Sport and General).

## Three Spring Hats



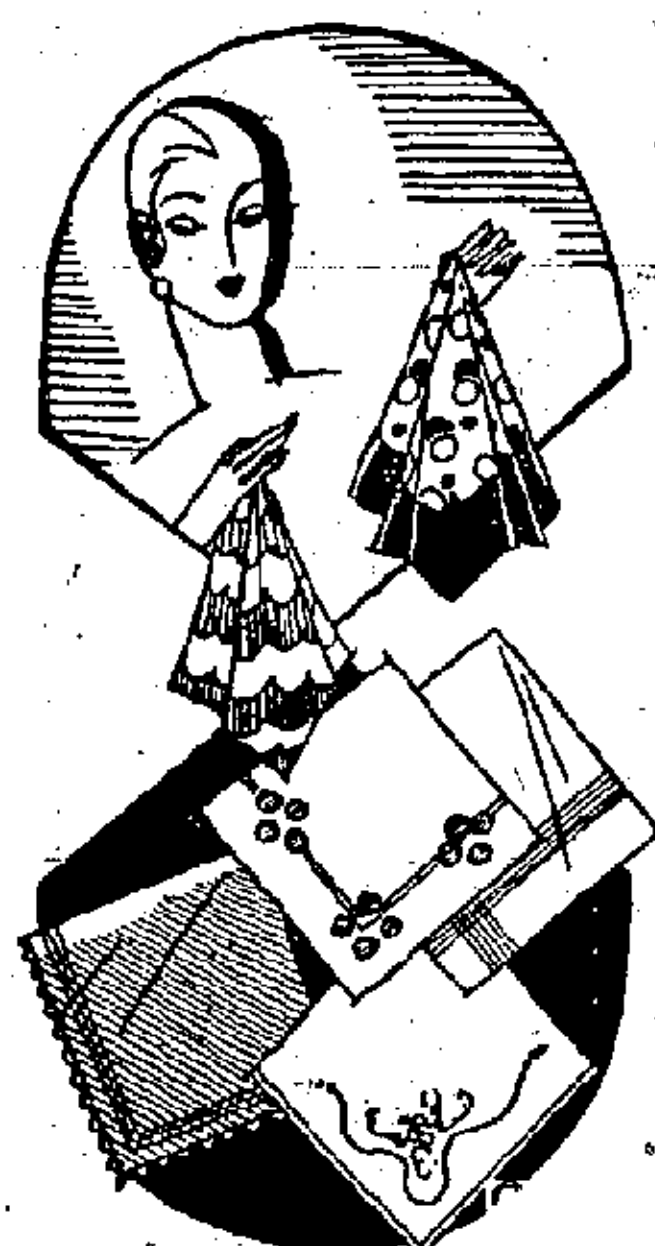
Talk about taking the old strap off the roll! What the ladies aren't going to do to the petty cash is nobody's business this Spring. The nifty felt of silver grey at the left, that Mary Nolan, extremely blonde in complexion, finds so becoming, will make a hit anywhere. Just gaze at the mystery bonnet of navy blue, centre, revealing one of Esther Ralston's eyebrows, and then, if you can stand the strain, see how the brimmed hat of white corded silk faced with black becomes Anita Page. They are only three of the pretty styles which are vamping the ladies this year of 1929.

## What Ice-Skating Bathers Wear



Hardy London girl swimmers undaunted by the Arctic spell a few weeks ago. The Kenwood Regulars Ladies' Swimming Club, of Hampstead, London, indulge in some winter pastimes on the ice, in their bathing costumes prior to breaking the ice for their customary swim at Kenwood Pond. Two of the members indulge in a little skating. (Sport and General).

## Note the Designs



A touch of the right colour is an important accessory in the smart woman's ensemble.

## A WORD ON HATS

Enterprising milliners must be having great fun this season. The word "toque" perhaps hardly implies the chic of the terribly attractive floral hats. A well-known artist gives us a cap entirely composed of open-work velvet and silk leaves on a foundation of a fine network of straw, all in beige-bronze shade.

## MEN ARE HONEST

## BUT A JUDGE DOES NOT THINK SO

## A PAYING HABIT

I suppose a judge is not likely to hold a high opinion of human nature, says the "Daily Telegraph." He sees too much of what is not its brightest and best. In my innocence I sometimes wonder whether the barrister who has to be the champion of most unpleasant people, or the judge who sees to it that their unpleasantness is well and truly exposed, is more likely to despise his fellow-creatures. But no doubt the judge, having had all the barrister's experience as well as that of the Bench, is better equipped for cynicism. When I read that Mr. Justice Swift had been remarking "Everybody is honest and dishonest in patches" it did seem to me a very painful example of the results of a judicial career.

It was, I understand, an obiter dictum. His lordship did not give a ruling that we are all dishonest, he only expressed an opinion. King David, who anticipated Mr. Justice Swift by remarking that all men are liars, afterwards acknowledged that he said it in his haste. Some doubt has been cast on the completeness of this withdrawal, and I own that his Majesty's real opinion of human veracity is not as clear as it might be. But probably the King's estimate of his fellow creatures was much the same as the judge's—we are all dishonest in patches.

For one thing, honesty, like other virtues, is not only a question of meaning well, but of intelligence and taking pains. It is impossible to be honest if you do not keep a moderately clear head. You forget—let us take one of the most familiar instances—petty debts which you ought to have paid. An excuse is not to be found in the fact that you have generally forgotten other debts due to you. Honesty does not consist in ignoring obligations. That may be a comfortable and, so long as you confine your negligence to trifling obligations, a jovial and popular way of living. But Mr. Justice Swift would be quite justified in saying it was "dishonest in patches."

There is another department. I wonder how many of us take pains to see that people who have dealings with us do not cheat themselves. It is not for me to condemn. How often do I count my change? How often do I make sure nothing has been overlooked in a bill? When I am sharing expenses with somebody else, do I go over each item to be certain that I am paying my full portion? Alas! none of these things do I consistently perform. I am content with a general notion that the change, and the bill, and the division of costs are "about right."

And are you more careful? But perhaps Mr. Justice Swift was thinking of larger issues, of the dishonesty which involves great gains. I have heard people say that no one in the world can be trusted to return something

found by chance if the something happens to be attractive to the finder. This I do not believe in the least. And speaking without personal prejudice—for I never found anything which had the slightest interest for me—I doubt if this sort of temptation is very powerful to the normal mind. Of course, there are people who cannot see anything left without

scale. Yet we do find that the number of people who attempt these big defalcations, embezzlements, and what not is insignificant compared with the number of those who have the opportunity.

In spite of the existence of the criminal law and Mr. Justice Swift, it is true that our society is organised on the assumption of general honesty, and in general the assumption is justified. No insistence upon the uncertainty of property of umbrellas or on the common baseness of mankind in the matter of matches shall shake my belief that in general and in important things most of us are honest, not in patches, but as a matter of routine. I do not suggest that the ordinary man and woman are particularly good. I do suggest that they are not particularly silly. They know that honesty is the best policy.

## From Paris



The latest in ladies' novelties, with a forecast as to what designs summer materials will be of.

an owner handy and abstain from stealing it. But apart from cases of this jackdaw instinct, I don't believe the first impulse of the finder of a diamond tiara or a string of pearls is to appropriate the thing.

There are much more subtle temptations. Every now and then the Law Courts tell us of people placed in positions which gave them a chance of profitable dishonesty who used it abundantly. "Opportunity makes the thief," says the ancient maxim. But, after all, does it? Far be it from me to judge an entirely people who yielded to temptations which have never come to me; for, after all, I have never had any scope for dishonesty on a large and attrac-

## BAD MOURNERS

## A WOMAN'S THOUGHTS THEREON

[By Mary Moore]

When William of Wykeham pronounced the dictum that Manners Maketh Man—a saying which has been in circulation ever since and quoted ad nauseam for want of anything which improves on the idea—he evidently referred to mankind as a whole, and was not intentionally slighting the other sex. For, indeed, manners are of almost more importance to women than to their fathers, brothers, and husbands.

A man may (let us emphasise the "may") be forgiven at times a certain slackness or relaxing of the

ordinary rules, because the pleasant fiction lingers that he is burdened with grave matters of business, or that his professional cares weigh heavily upon him. The artist or poet is still excused because of the deeply-rooted belief that creative work makes one rather odd, even though some of the most successful men in these lines look like smart stockbrokers. And there are also the quaint individuals who cultivate a certain brusqueness, and are self-consciously unconscious of the ordinary rules for which they used to be called in the nursery "pretty behaviour."

## The Golden Rule

But for a woman there is less tolerance. As she is supposed to have more time for social matters, her manners are more in evidence and subject to closer scrutiny.

When it comes to the old catch, "Would you rather have a good heart and bad manners or a bad heart and good manners?" one is almost inclined to vote in favour of those whose charming manners help the machinery to run smoothly; trusting charitably that they have been maligned in the matter of hearts. Yet the best manners are based on kindness, unselfishness, and the Golden Rule.

Hardly anywhere are bad manners more noticeable and more actively offensive than in the theatre. Yet, despite the publicity given to the subject, people continue to arrive late, to talk, to rustle, to attend to their toilets in public with an abandon which is startling.

An even worse breach of manners is unfortunately common. It is committed by the theatre party that keeps the unfortunate man at the end of the row standing while it calmly discusses seating arrangements—after which the whole party crushes by without one word of apology or thanks! One can only hope that their hearts are very, very good. But how they would have grieved William of Wykeham!—"Daily Telegraph."

## For Shopping



This jacket suit, worn by Mary Brian, is of brown and beige, and so is the felt hat. The kasha-coat is honey-brown, a colour that is repeated at the border of the beige silk skirt. A scarf combining the costume colours is tied jauntily about the neck.

## Now That Spring Is Here



These Hollywood beauties show what will be worn by the miss who is up to the minute. At left, Anita Page poses in a sleeveless blouse of woven grey material with gathered crepe Romain skirt. Lella Hyams, centre, has chosen a coat of beige flannel embroidered in brown on the shoulders and back. Edna Sankofa, right, has the ice and heel of her white oxford. Josephine Dunn, right, wears a Spring wrap of beige, green, with hat to match, and slippers and hose of beige.

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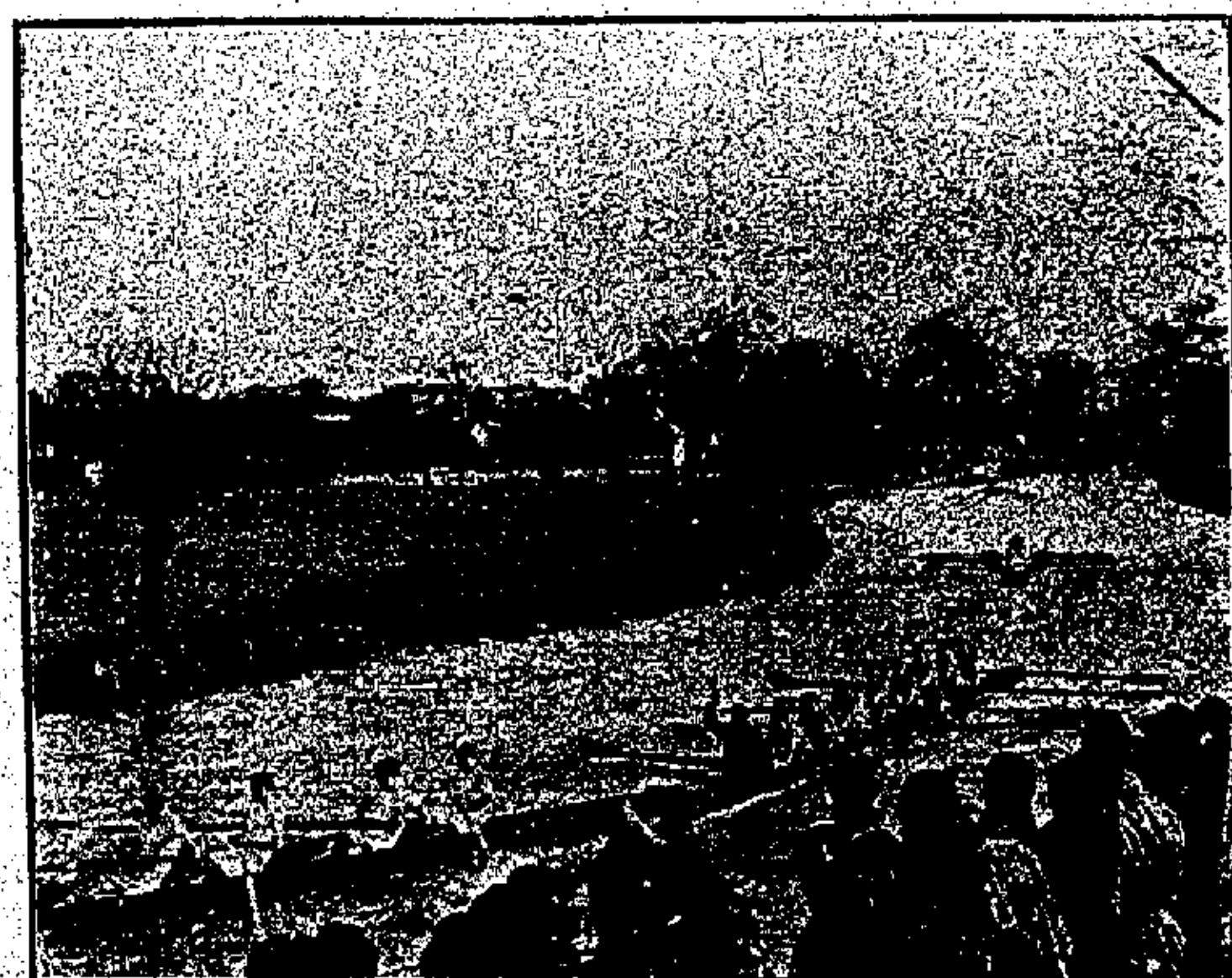
**PORTLAND VASE TO BE SOLD.**—It is officially announced that the Portland Vase (1st century, Roman Europe), the most famous glass vessel in the world, is to be sold at Christie's on May 5. It has been in the British Museum since 1810. Most people will be surprised to learn that the vase, for so long one of the great sights of the British Museum, is not the property of the nation. It has merely been "on loan" from the Dukes of Portland. A visitor to the Museum in 1845 maliciously smashed the vase, but the fragments were subsequently pieced together with extraordinary skill.—(Sport and General).



**THE DUKE OF YORK.**—Re-opening Astor House (built 35 years ago), Victoria Embankment, London, as the Incorporated Accountants' new hall. H.R.H. is seen inspecting the Guard of Honour of London Scottish.—(Sport and General).



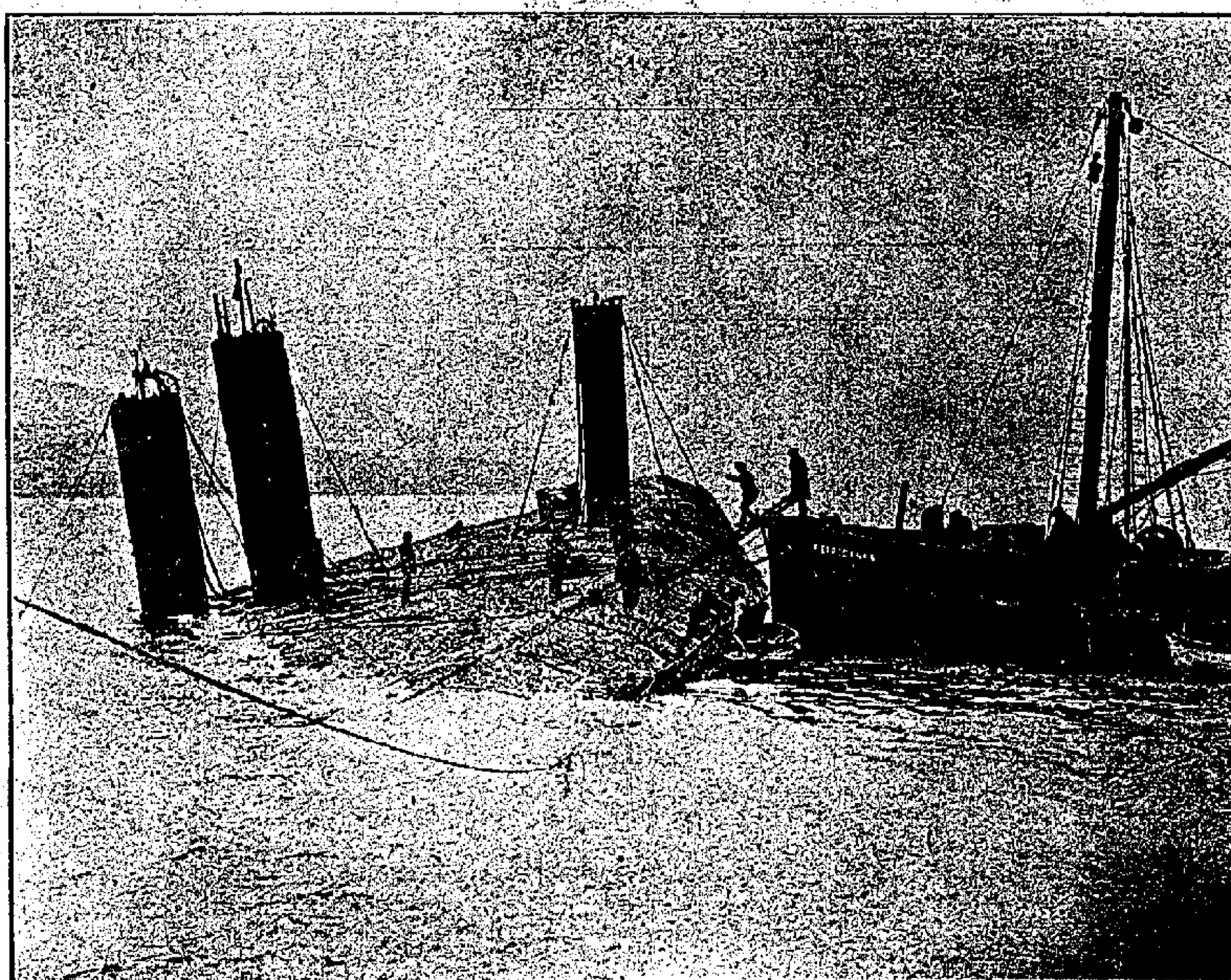
**MOTOR CYCLING IN SEVERE WINTER.**—A scene at Laver-ton Hill, Gloucestershire, in the Cotswolds. A. J. Smith (848 Calthorpe) is seen leading W. J. Dallison (348 Calthorpe) on a difficult observed section in the annual Colmore Cup trial.—(Sport and General).



**CAMBRIDGE ROWING.**—A "bump" in the Gut. The cox of First Trinity IV is seen with hand raised signifying that Emmanuel II has bumped into them. The bumps are a feature of these Varsity races.—(Sport and General).



**A SOCIETY BRIDAL RETINUE.**—Group at the wedding of Mr. John Barran, son and heir of Sir John Barran, the Yorkshire Baronet, and Lady Barran, to the Hon. Alison Ruthven, twin daughter of Major-General Lord Ruthven, which took place at the guards' chapel, Wellington Barracks, London.—(Sport and General).



**THE WORLD'S GREATEST SALVING FEAT.**—At Scapa Flow, Orkney Islands, the scuttled German battleship "S.M.S. 'Kaiser,' 25,000 tons, being raised from the bottom of the sea. The "Kaiser" is seen upside down, showing her bows coming up from under the sea.—(Sport and General).



**AT OLYMPIA, LONDON.**—The "coming-of-age" Ideal Home Exhibition opened by the Lord Mayor of London at Olympia proved to be bigger and better than ever. Over 400 features and exhibits showing the wonderful achievement of art and science in providing beauty and comfort in the home were shown. Our picture shows "The Bedroom of To-day," one of the series of "Bedrooms Through the Ages," a special feature of the Exhibition. Note the futuristic furnishing, cocktail shaker and portable radio.—(Sport and General).



**WORLD'S LARGEST SHOP WINDOW.**—H.M. the Queen visiting the British Industries Fair at the White City, London. Her Majesty is seen inspecting articles of British workmanship on one of the stalls.—(Sport and General).



**NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR.**—To the Court of St. James. Viscount Tsuneo Matsudaira, whose daughter married Prince Chichibu, on the steps of the Japanese Embassy, Grosvenor-square, London, with his staff of attaches and officials.—(Sport and General).



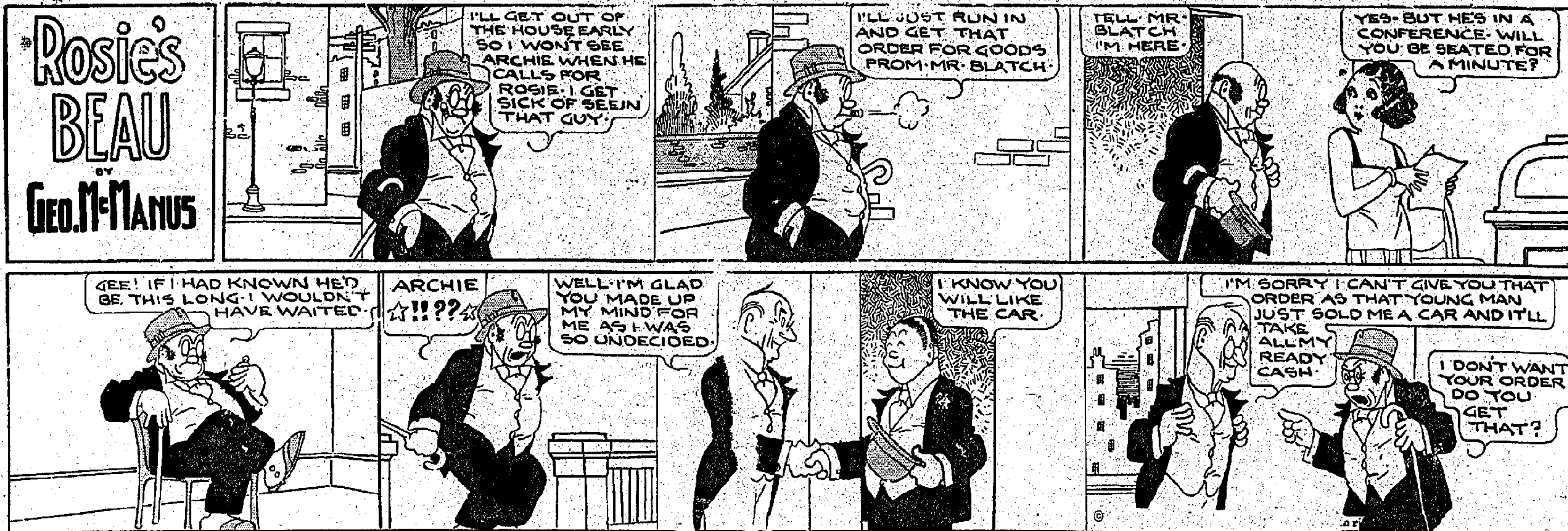
**ANCIENTS v. MODERNS.**—A ladies' comical hockey match at Birkdale, Southport, Lancs. The veterans, who are old internationals, dressed in clothes of the 1900 period, much to the amusement of both players and spectators. Photo shows the toss up. Miss E. Goldsworth (Lanca.) and Mrs. Thompson Smith (Veteran). Note the "bustle" worn! — (Sport and General).



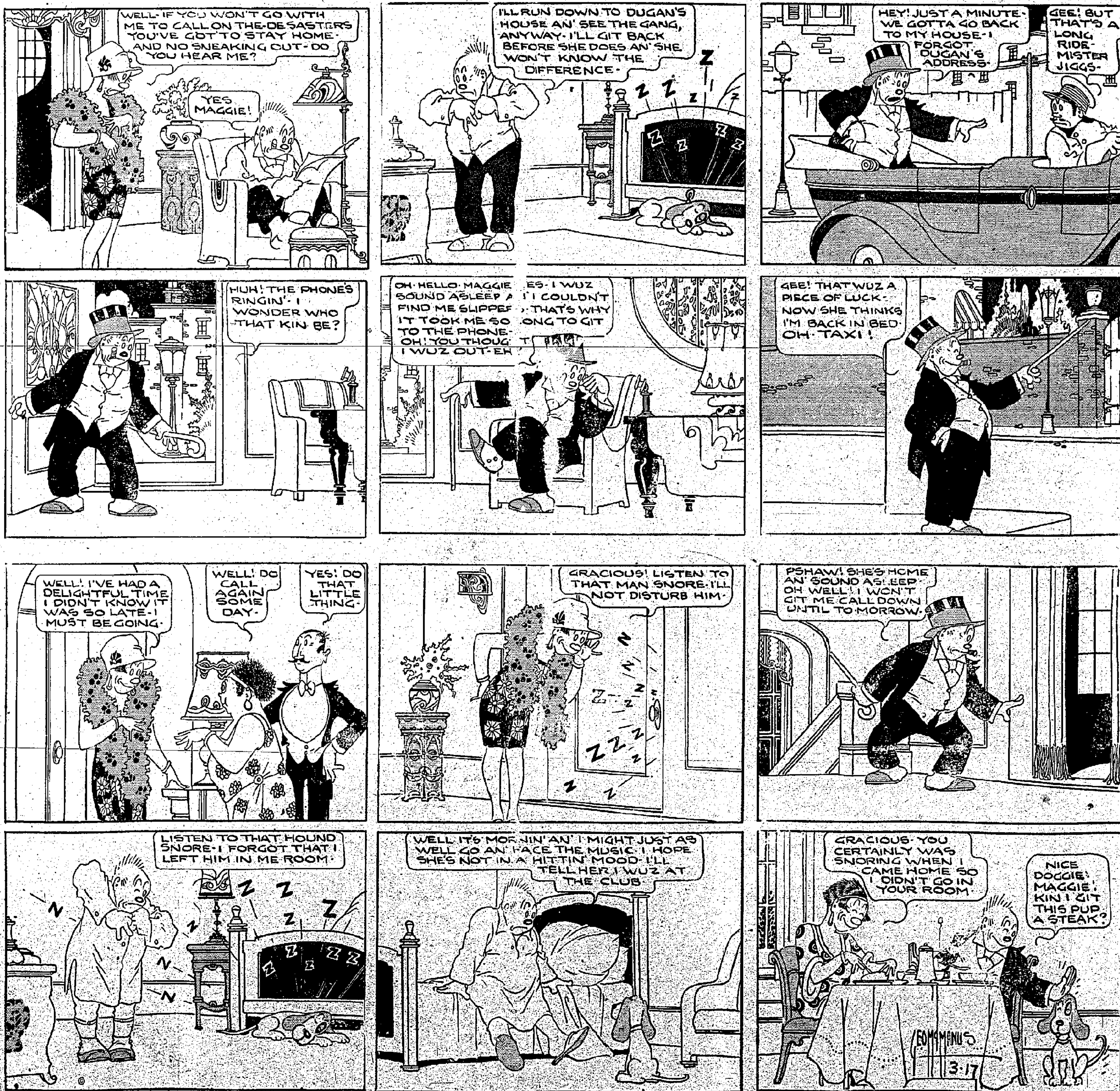
**WOMAN'S SIX WEEKS' FLIGHT—TO INDIA AND BACK.**—Mrs. Cleaver, daughter of the Minister of Finance in the Government of Northern Ireland, left Croydon, London, in a Gipsy Moth plane for a flight to India and back, which she anticipated would take six weeks. She is seen here with Mr. Drew, a pilot of Imperial Airways. Mrs. Cleaver wore a novel "air-suit" of antelope (which resembles suede) and a flying cap to match.—(Sport and General).



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The letter from Mr. Featherstone is for the most part self-explanatory and we, therefore, publish it in full as follows:—

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—You have asked me for an opinion or for views on the local discussions in the Press on Religion and upon the lectures given locally. It is hard to give views upon what has been a very long drawn-out discussion, and I am not willing to be drawn into correspondence on the matter in one or in all of the papers.

Several years ago I wrote in a similar strain to the Press and said that to people who are really seeking after truth I knew of no greater help than the publications of the Modern Churchmen's Union. This is a Union inaugurated at the Church House, Westminster, on October 31, 1898 for the Advancement of Liberal Religious Thought and the aims are:—

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On the title page of all numbers of the publication of the Union will be found two quotations.

(1) By identifying the new learning with heresy, you make orthodoxy synonymous with ignorance.—Erasmus.

(2) A State without the means of change is without the means of its conservation.—Edmund Burke.

I mention the above at some length to show that the Church of England is very much alive to the needs of the present day and that there are men in the Church of high attainments, and others, who are willing to use all the knowledge and reason at their command to affirm the continuous and progressive character of the revelation given by the Holy Spirit in the spheres of knowledge and conduct, and who wish to uphold the historic

comprehensiveness of the Church of England. This has not been done without much persecution of members of the Union, locally and at Home, in private communications to the officials of the Church and in public statements. However, in the last few years, since about the year 1922, a great change has been noticeable amongst many leaders, officials, and priests in the Church, which is due very largely to the great interest caused by and shown in the annual conference of the Union whose publications attract considerable notice in Britain, in America and in other parts of the world. It is now quite a common thing for many devout Church people to admit that they read the publications of the Union and, unfortunately, to add afterwards, almost shyly, that of course they are not members of the Union. However, it is one step forward and there is not the persecution that there was a few years ago.

The Press in Britain and America has given great publicity to the conferences.

I therefore send to you the verbatim report of the Conference on "Christianity and History" held last September at Cambridge. It consists of fourteen papers and one sermon. If you decide to publish them I would suggest that the list of papers with the various readers be announced first, then print a summary of the introduction, then the sermon at the end of the report, and after that the fourteen papers.

Some of them are not exactly light reading, but I am convinced that they will be read with interest by very many of your readers.

I also enclose ten pamphlets on various subjects such as the Virgin Birth, the Resurrection, the Inspiration of the Bible etc.; all of these are publications issued by the Modern Churchmen's Union.

Yours, etc.,  
W. T. FEATHERSTONE.

List of Papers

In gladly acceding to the valuable suggestions contained in the foregoing letter, we quote the "Modern Churchman" (Sept.-Oct.-Nov. 1928) as follows:—

The Fifteenth Conference of Modern Churchmen was held at Girton College, Cambridge, September 17-24, 1928. The subject of the Conference was "Christianity and History." The Presidential Address by the Dean of St. Paul's dealt with "The Christian Interpretation of the Historical Process." The titles and authors of the papers (all of which are published in this number) were as follows:—

(1) Is a Science of History possible?  
Dr. G. G. Coulton, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge.

(2) Is a Philosophy of History possible?  
Professor A. S. Pringle Patison, LL.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.

(3) The Significance of the Historical Element for Religion.  
Professor C. C. J. Webb.

(4) The Importance of the Historical Element in Christianity.  
(a) Professor F. C. Burkitt, D.D., F.R.S.

(b) M. J. Oakshott, M.A., Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

(5) The Significance of the Historical Element in the Christian Idea of Incarnation.  
Rev. J. S. Boys-Smith, M.A., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge.

(6) The Jewish Contribution to Christianity.  
Rev. Geoffrey Allen, M.A., Chaplain of Ripon Hall, Oxford.

(7) The Hellenic Contribution to Christianity.  
Rev. Canon Tollinton, D.D.

(8) The Roman Contribution to Christianity.  
Rev. Alfred Fawkes, M.A.

(9) Christianity as a World-renewing.  
Rev. A. C. Bouquet, D.D.

(10) Christianity as World-accepting.  
Rev. Norman Sykes, M.A., D. Phil.

(11) Christianity as World-redeeming.  
Professor J. F. Bethune-Baker, D.D., F.R.S.

(12) The Authority of Jesus Christ.  
Rev. J. S. Bezzant, M.A., Vice-Principal of Ripon Hall.

(13) The Finality of Christianity.  
Rev. J. C. Hardwick, M.A., B.Sc.

Scheme of the Papers

The following explanation sets forth the scheme of the papers and the particular aspects of the subject which it was desired they should treat:—

The purpose of this Conference is to study the Christian Religion

in its relation to History. Christianity, it is said, is an historical religion: in what sense is this true, and what does it imply? Before these questions can be answered certain preliminary questions must be dealt with:

(i) What are the aims and the canons of historical enquiry? Is its aim descriptive, didactic, or genetic? Can we, by its means, be furnished with assured results? Is, in fact, a Science of History possible? By some it is contended that modern historical method makes this possible. The first paper, after the Presidential Address, will deal with this problem.

(ii) The second paper will deal with the relation of Philosophical to Historical enquiry. Can there be a philosophical interpretation of the historical process? Is, in fact, a Philosophy of History possible?

(iii) The third paper will deal with the Historical Element in various types of religion; e.g.—it might be contended that in the animistic religions there is no historical element, these religions being apotheoses of aspects of Nature. Again, that the ancient state religions are apotheoses of political and social ideals, and that the historical element enters into them in that form. In the founded religions history enters as the biography of the founder and the history of the primitive society; and an important aspect of these religions is that they are apotheoses of personality. Once more, mystical and philosophical religions might be held to be independent of any historical element.

These three papers having considered (a) the aims of historical enquiry and the kind of results which it aims at or can expect, (b) the significance, philosophically regarded, of the historical process, (c) the place of the historical element in different types of religion, the next three papers will deal with Christianity in particular:

The Historical Element

(iv) and (v) The fourth and fifth papers will discuss the place of the Historical Element in Christianity and its general significance. These two papers will be written from different standpoints, dependent on whether the historical order be regarded as supremely significant or as without fundamental significance. (Professor Lloyd-Morgan's "Emergent Evolution" would represent the former standpoint, and Dr. Inge's "Confessio Fidei" (pp. 51 f.) might represent the latter.)

(vi) The sixth will discuss the place of the Historical Element in the Christian Idea of Incarnation. The next six papers will treat various aspects of Christianity in History:

(vii) The first will deal with the Jewish contribution to Christianity in History, not simply in its origin, but in the Christian adoption of Jewish Scriptures, sacrificial concepts, organization, erastianism, etc.

(viii) The second will deal with the contribution of Hellenism to Christianity as we have it presented in Hatch's Hibbert Lectures, etc.

(ix) The third will deal with the Roman contribution to Christianity as presented in Renan's Hibbert Lectures, etc.

(x) The fourth will treat the world-renewing or ascetic aspect of Christianity.

(xi) The fifth will deal with the world-accepting or mundane aspect of Christianity.

(xii) The sixth will deal with the world-transforming or world-redeeming aspect of Christianity.

Papers (vii)–(xii), though to some extent independent of papers (i)–(vi), have an important bearing upon the subjects there discussed, and this fact will be borne in mind.

(xiii) Paper thirteen will deal with the authority of Jesus Christ: with the nature of His authority, where rightly and where wrongly it can be claimed, and with the validity of the argument from dominical institutions.

(xiv) Paper fourteen will deal with the problem of the finality of Christianity.

Two Important Questions

Behind the papers and discussions of the Conference there lurked in the minds of some who have faith in the spirit and methods of modern historical research as applied to the Scriptures, but who do not know enough to be able to judge of what may be regarded as its assured results, this question: Can we still believe in Jesus Christ as an historical person? Is the Christus-myth school, of which we heard a good deal in discussion, really justified in claiming that Jesus Christ was not an historical person, but was 'only a deity falsely changed into a man by tradition,' not a being of flesh and blood, but the creation of the religious consciousness of a community of worshippers?

Before attempting to indicate the nature of the evidence for Jesus having been an historical person, and where that evidence may be studied by those who are in no sense professed students, I would suggest that all who have

(Continued on Next Column.)

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Miss Cherry Wynmott, although unfortunately not on the stage as much as one would have liked, was as vivacious as ever, and with Mr. Billy Bray provided an excellent background for the adventures of "Tip Toes."

The piece was very well received by a fairly good audience, but it seems a pity that so many seats should be empty since it is rare indeed that Hong Kong theatre goers have a chance of seeing musical comedy served up as the Banvard Musical Comedy Company have been doing it during the past week.

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## MACAO PORT

SOME NOTES ON RECLAMA-  
TION WORK

DREDGINGS RESUMED

Macao, April 2.

Dredgings have been resumed during the past few weeks at the port of Macao. For many years the Macao Port Works have been proceeding, and for some time it was necessary to temporarily stop all reclamation work, to allow the first deposits in the reclaimed lands to harden. Some parts of these reclamations, where the materials used were dry earth for the most part, are already being slowly occupied, but many extensive tracts of land, especially those facing the outer port, have been made of mud dredged from the harbour bed. These latter areas have now sufficiently settled, and work has been recommenced with the filling in of the extensive tract of land immediately facing the anchorages of the new port. This second process consists in raising the level of the previous reclamations by several feet, and work is proceeding day and night.

Two Dredgers in Use

Mud from the old channel leading to Macao's inner port has been used for this work, to effect which two dredgers are in use, one of the bucket type loading the silt into barges, and another of the propulsion type for pumping the mud on to the areas to be raised. The bucket dredger secures mud from various other parts of the channel leading to Macao and also from the roadstead.

Many weeks will elapse before the present section can be completed, and work will then proceed on other sections of the reclaimed lands. Later the mud must be left to harden and settle, and eventually when proper drainage has been put in, the lands so prepared may be occupied. The Netherlands Harbour Works Company, the concern responsible for many portions of the work hitherto completed, is assisting in the new work, utilising many parts of the extensive equipment laid down in Macao a few years ago when the major portions of the Macao Port Works were first begun.

In other parts of the reclamations operations have already commenced with the preparation of the land for occupation, and in some sections the sea-walls have been trimmed and faced, which work will, in time, extend along the entire length of the reclamations.

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## LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

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New York .. 4.86 9/32

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Geneva .. 25.21 1/2

Amsterdam .. 12.10%

Milan .. 92.75

Berlin .. 20.46 1/2

Stockholm .. 18.17

Copenhagen .. 18.21 1/2

Oslo .. 18.19 1/2

Vienna .. 34.53

Prague .. 163%

Helsingfors .. 192%

Madrid .. 32.32 1/2

Lisbon .. 108%

Athens .. 37%

Bucharest .. 81%

Rio .. 5 27/32

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Hong Kong .. 1/41 1/2

Yokohama .. 1/10 1/32

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—British Wireless Service.

## THE SHANTUNG WAR

NORTHERNERS AGAIN BEAT  
THE NATIONALISTS

Chefoo, Yesterday.

The clash between Chang Tsung-chang's Northerners and Liu Chen-nien's Nationalists on April 4 outside Muping city resulted in a victory for the former. It is claimed that 100 Nationalists were killed and 500 made prisoner, the remainder being driven into the city.

Muping, however, has still not surrendered to the Northerners.—Reuter.

Chefoo, Yesterday.

The late (President) Li Yuan-hung's one-time War Minister, Wu Kwang-sin (of the old Northern Armies) has proceeded to Japan.—Reuter.

The resignation of Lt. T. G. Weall of his commission in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps has been accepted by H.E. the Governor.

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Easter Week has been eventful in Hong Kong and China. The holidays began with war clouds hanging over Canton, bringing in their train the portent of trade dislocation. Other counsels prevailed and Canton now stands devoutly for peace.

Conditions in the Yangtze Valley, Central China, are not so encouraging. But the worst that can be said is that developments are panning out much as expected, so that the civil war ought to finish early; and China will be able to proceed with setting her house in order; and merchants, both Chinese and foreign, will be able to continue their business without further hindrance.

Disturbing news has come through from Fukien about interference with an establishment of the London Mission Society.

Other than that, and the unrest in Shantung promontory, there is not much else to cause alarm. It is the duty of Hong Kong, therefore, to tell the world and Britain in particular what the position is—so that there need be no further hesitation. A good, sound way of describing the latest occurrences is to send the "Overland China Mail," with its news, articles, comment and pictures—pictures of local people and scenes. It is the only illustrated weekly budget of news published in Hong Kong; and it contains all the "local" and "China" news of the week.

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## Sport Columns

### LAWN TENNIS

#### OPEN SINGLES SEMI-FINALS COMPLETED

The struggle for the fourth semi-final position of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony took place yesterday afternoon, the contestants being H. D. Rumjahn and Lim Peng-chin.

The Chinese won the first set, Rumjahn the second, and Lim the third. The Indian brought the score to 2 sets all, by winning the fourth set. In the final set, Rumjahn established a lead of 3 games to love, which he increased to 4-2, eventually winning the sets at 6-2, and with it the match.

In the semi-final of the Mixed Doubles Handicap, D. Smith and Mrs. Smith (over 4/6) beat H. V. Parker and Miss Stanton (over 2/6) in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2.

### BOXING

#### AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP OF FLEET

The preliminary bouts of the China Fleet Amateur Boxing Championships were held yesterday afternoon and evening at the Royal Naval Canteen Theatre.

The results were:—

#### Welterweight

A.B. Turner (Hermes) beat A.B. Webb (Hermes); A.B. Trimmings (Hermes) beat Stoker Harding (Suffolk); Stoker Harrey (Kent) beat Stoker Tucker (Tiania); A.B. Perkins (Hermes) beat Marine Hurst (Suffolk).

#### Catchweights

A.B. Bullen (Suffolk) beat Marine Godden (Kent); A.B. Swann (Hermes) beat A.B. McKinney (Hermes).

#### Middleweights

Stoker Taylor (Berwick) beat Marine Huntley (Kent); A.B. Halcombe (Sterling) beat L. Stoker Day (Kent).

#### Lightweights

Tel. Sears (Hermes) beat A.B. Brien (Suffolk).

#### Featherweights

B. Clarke (Suffolk) beat A.B. Bambridge (Hermes).

#### Bantamweights

Boy Gilham (Suffolk) beat A.B. Roberts (Herald).

### PRINCE'S TRIBUTE

#### HIGH PRAISE FOR BRITAIN'S "MERCHANT NAVY"

##### SPECIAL WAR WORK

London, Yesterday.

The Prince of Wales (who is Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets) in the foreword to the third and final volume of Sir Archibald Hurd's work "The Merchant Navy" also recalls that in first stage of the War the British seaman recognised that nothing more was being asked of him than to accept the usual hazards of naval conflict. With the arrival on the scene of the submarine and the indiscriminate use of the mine the whole position for the merchant seaman was changed. He found himself faced by hazards and perils as he had never before experienced or indeed had ever conceived as possible. With the intensification of the enemy's campaign the British sailor saw himself directly involved in the whole frightful mechanism of the War, whose grim operation reached its climax in the phase of unrestricted submarine attack.

Special mention is made of the auxiliary patrol which in its complete development was manned by nearly 60,000 officers and men.

#### Watching and Hunting

Describing it as one of the most striking and certainly one of the most successful of the many pieces of war time improvisation, which history will place to the credit of the British nation, the Prince observed: "Here was indeed a medley of small vessels, trawlers fresh from our fishing grounds, drifters, whalers, paddle steamers, so familiar to channel excursionists, yachts, motor launches and motor boats."

"Their hazardous duties were as varied as their types. In their long hours of patrol, they watched the foe and hunted German submarines, searched for and dragged mines, fought hostile aircraft, controlled and examined millions of tons of shipping navigating the narrow seas, and in many other ways splendidly seconded the efforts of the Grand Fleet. Varied indeed these craft were in type, but the crews were animated by one heart and one spirit."—British Wireless Service.

The total yield of the Soviet art sale at Messrs. Lepke's rooms in Berlin was £8,250. About a dozen lots were purchased by British collectors.

### YACHTING

#### RESULT OF RACE FOR LADY TYRWHITT'S CUP

Yesterday midshipmen from warships in harbour competed for a silver cup presented by Lady Tyrwhitt, wife of Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, Bt., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., formerly the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station.

The first six boats to cross the finishing line were as follow.

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4. H.M.S. "Suffolk's" 1st whaler.
5. H.M.S. "Suffolk's" 2nd cutter.
6. H.M.S. "Kent's" 1st whaler.

A similar race was held on Thursday for a cup presented by Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt for senior officers, the "Titania" obtaining first and third places and the "Berwick" second place.

When the sailing race started there was a fresh breeze which enabled the competing boats to make good headway over the triangular course which started from the "Tamar" from there south of Nos. 7 and 8 buoys, to buoy 56, onwards to Cust Rock buoy and back to the starting point.

During the course of the race one of the boats came to grief, colliding with a junk and, it is believed, straining a plank causing a leak. No one was injured, however, and the boat returned safely to the Naval Yard.

Entries were sent from H.M.S. "Kent," H.M.S. "Suffolk," H.M.S.

### JUNGLE ROMANCE

#### DOLORES DEL RIO COMING TO QUEEN'S

##### SUSPENSE AND MYSTERY

A romance of unusual beauty, taken against the wild background of a South American jungle, is promised by Fox Films with their release of "The Gateway of the Moon" in which Dolores Del Rio, the Chairmañe of "What Price Glory," has the stellar role of Toni.

It is a tale of strange adventures, primitive passions, and the greed of a man for wealth and power, in which Miss Del Rio plays the part of an Indian girl in love with a young British railway builder, played by Walter Pidgeon.

The story itself is said to contain every element of drama that goes toward making up an enjoyable picture. Suspense, mystery and even humour abound in plentiful measure and are brought into being by a cast of supporting players of unusual merit. Ted MacNamara has a prominent part to play in this new film which will be shown on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Queen's.

A rather serious stabbing affair, resulting in a Chinese named Ho Lai being admitted to the Kowloon Hospital late last night, occurred in Yaumatei, when he was mounting the stairway of No. 32 Reclamation-street. Two Chinese are said to have followed him up the staircase, and attacked him unawares, wounding him severely. Before the alarm was raised the two men had escaped. The victim is in a serious condition.

"Cornwall" and H.M.S. "Berwick," there being 20 boats competing in all.



Miss Valentine Clemow who comes to us direct from London where she has just appeared in Anita Loos' Sparkling Comedy "Gentlemen prefer Blondes," Miss Clemow originally started her career in America and toured the States, then played on Broadway at the Criterion and George M. Cohan Theatres with Laurette Taylor, Lynn Fontaine, etc., in "One Night in Rome," "Happier," and "Peg O' My Heart." Later when Laurette Taylor toured England in "Peg O' My Heart" and also appeared at different times at the Garrick, Savoy Strand, Prince of Wales, Duke of York Theatres with Sir Charles Hawtrey, Robert Lorraine, Cyril Maude and Fred Terry, Miss Clemow played the lead in "IS ZAZ SO?" for James Gleason besides also appearing in Anita Loos' other success "The Whole Town's Talking." At one time in her career, she played in a film with Norma Talmadge. Particularly clever role in "The Fanatics" the play which narrowly escaped the censor's scissors in London and which is acknowledged to be the most daring play of the century.

### HOME BEAUTIFUL

#### SOME HINTS ON TASTEFUL DECORATION

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Who is not proud of a beautiful home, and how often do we see a housewife slaving herself in order to make her home the envy of her neighbours and her friends?

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"Zimbo" has now come forward to tell us where the fault lies. It is the way we hang our curtains, and when we come to look at it, we undoubtedly find that we have been neglecting this all important factor which contributes to the "restfulness" of our homes.

No doubt we choose our curtains with meticulous care and buy nothing but the best. And there it ends. We leave the hanging to the house-boy, who simply hangs it on a rail. We cannot see how untidy it looks until it is pointed out to us.

There is an art in hanging curtains, and every woman who loves to see the windows of her home look really beautiful, should study the subject. It is, however, not a hard subject, because in "Zimbo" we find a simple contrivance that anyone can fix in a moment. "Zimbo" will ensure that hanging curtains look gracefully and run smoothly. It is so different from the cumbersome and sagging makeshifts so often used.

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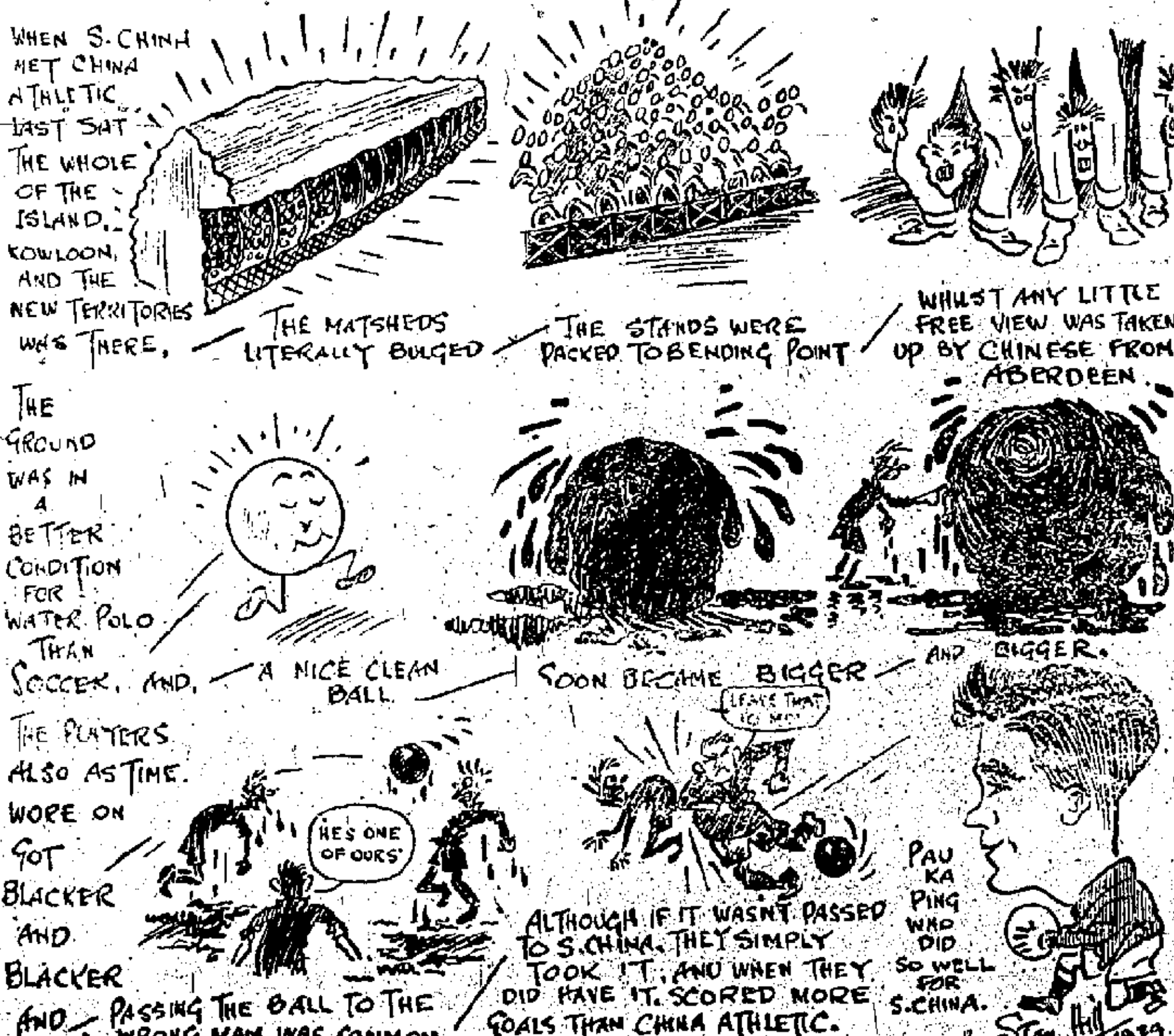
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# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Scientist Gets Medal



Dr. Robert Andrews Millikan, above, of the University of California, in collaboration with Professor A. A. Michelson of the University of Chicago developed new theories of the velocity of light and have been jointly awarded gold medals by the Society of Arts and Sciences.

Reparations Discussion



Left to right, Owen D. Young, J. P. Morgan, Sir Josiah Stamp (standing), Thomas Lamont, and Lord Revelstoke at the opening of the discussions of German war debts at Paris. No obstacles are being allowed to stand in their way of settling the matter as quickly as possible.

"Big Bill"



"Thompsonism" was the vital issue in the aldermanic election in Chicago, with Mayor "Big Bill" Thompson waging a bitter fight to retain domination of the City Council.

Are They Downhearted?



A little matter of a crash was not sufficient to deter the famous French pilots Paillard and Le Brix in their dash from Orlu Aerodrome to Saigon, Indo-China. Le Brix had previously circumnavigated the globe with Costes. The two pilots started their Saigon flight, but came to grief in a forest, a few miles out of Paris. They then got a new machine for the flight.

Compromise



Sir Josiah Stamp, a member of the Reparations Committee at Paris.

Father of Tennis Star Dead



"Papa" Lenglen, the man who is responsible for the fame of his daughter Suzanne, has died in Nice. He was for many years secretary of the Nice Lawn Tennis Club, and used to tell how speed and accuracy had been the secrets of his success in teaching his daughter to play the game. It was in order to develop the girl's physique when she was a frail child that "Papa" decided to make her an athlete.

Life Term for Rum?



Here is one jurist who definitely revolts at the Michigan law which makes a sentence of life imprisonment mandatory upon persons convicted of four liquor felonies. Judge Vincent M. Brennan of Wayne County (Detroit) told the State Senate he would resign before imposing such a penalty. "I could not sentence a man or woman to life in prison for possession of a forbidden beverage and ever again hope to be at peace with my conscience," he said.

Suffrage Leader



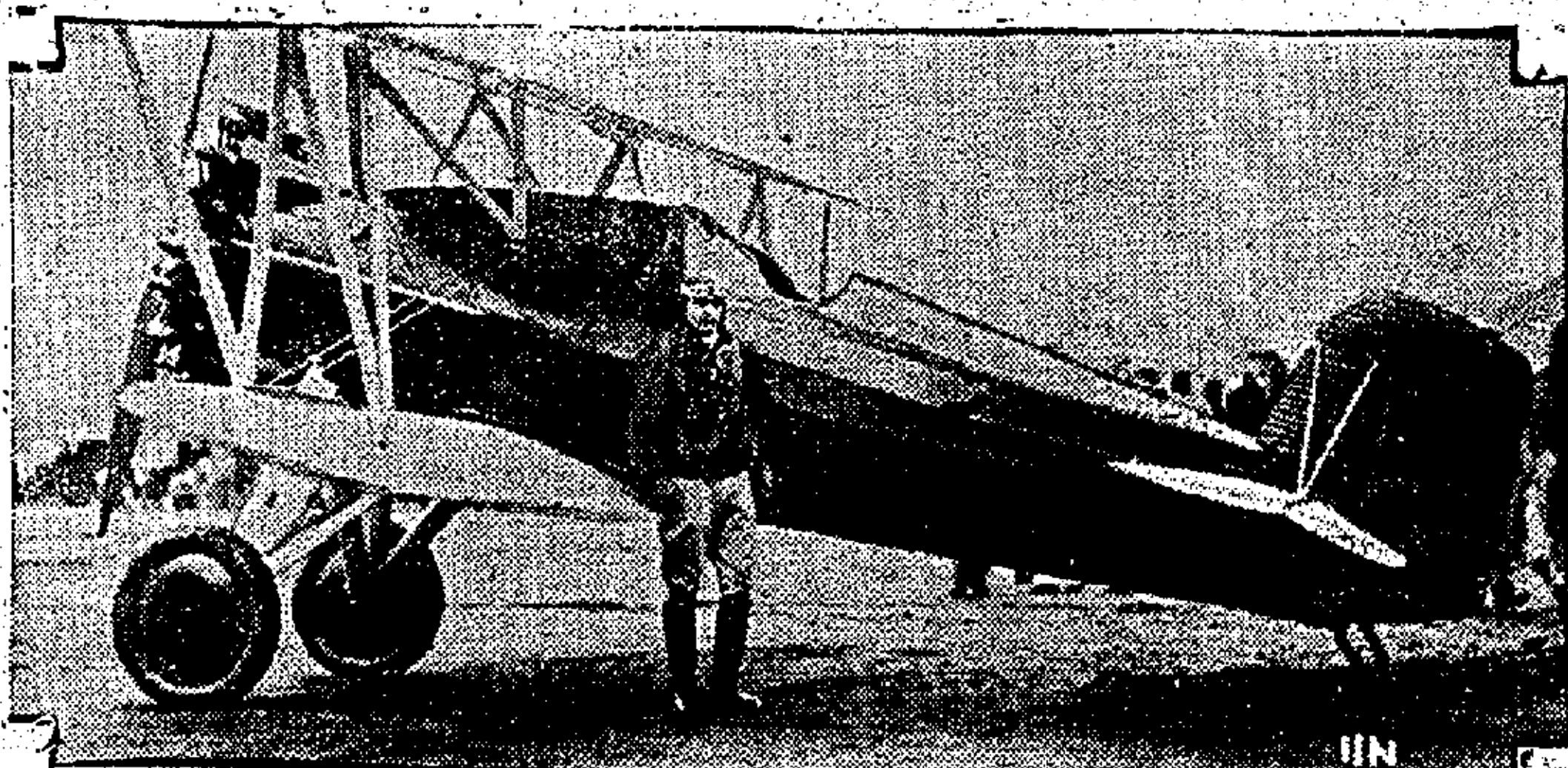
It is expected that more than 1,000 leading suffragists will meet at Berlin, under the leadership of Mrs. Margery S. Corbett-Ashby of London, chairman of the International Women's Suffrage Alliance when the alliance celebrates its 25th anniversary at Berlin.

Lindy's "Ma" Comes Home



Heartbroken and distressed at the unfounded story that she would wed Captain F. E. Anderson, the commander of the "President Wilson," Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh rushed weeping into the arms of her son, Charles Lindbergh, who was waiting for her at Quarantine. She was highly elated over his engagement to Anne Morrow and congratulated him heartily.

Ready for Shot at Record



Probably the shadow of revolution will not deter Captain Ira Eaker, above, from his attempt to set a new record for flight from the Mexican border to Panama City. The pursuit plane pictured here is expected to attain nearly 300 miles per hour and carry the chief pilot of the "Question Mark's" record making endurance flight to a new record.

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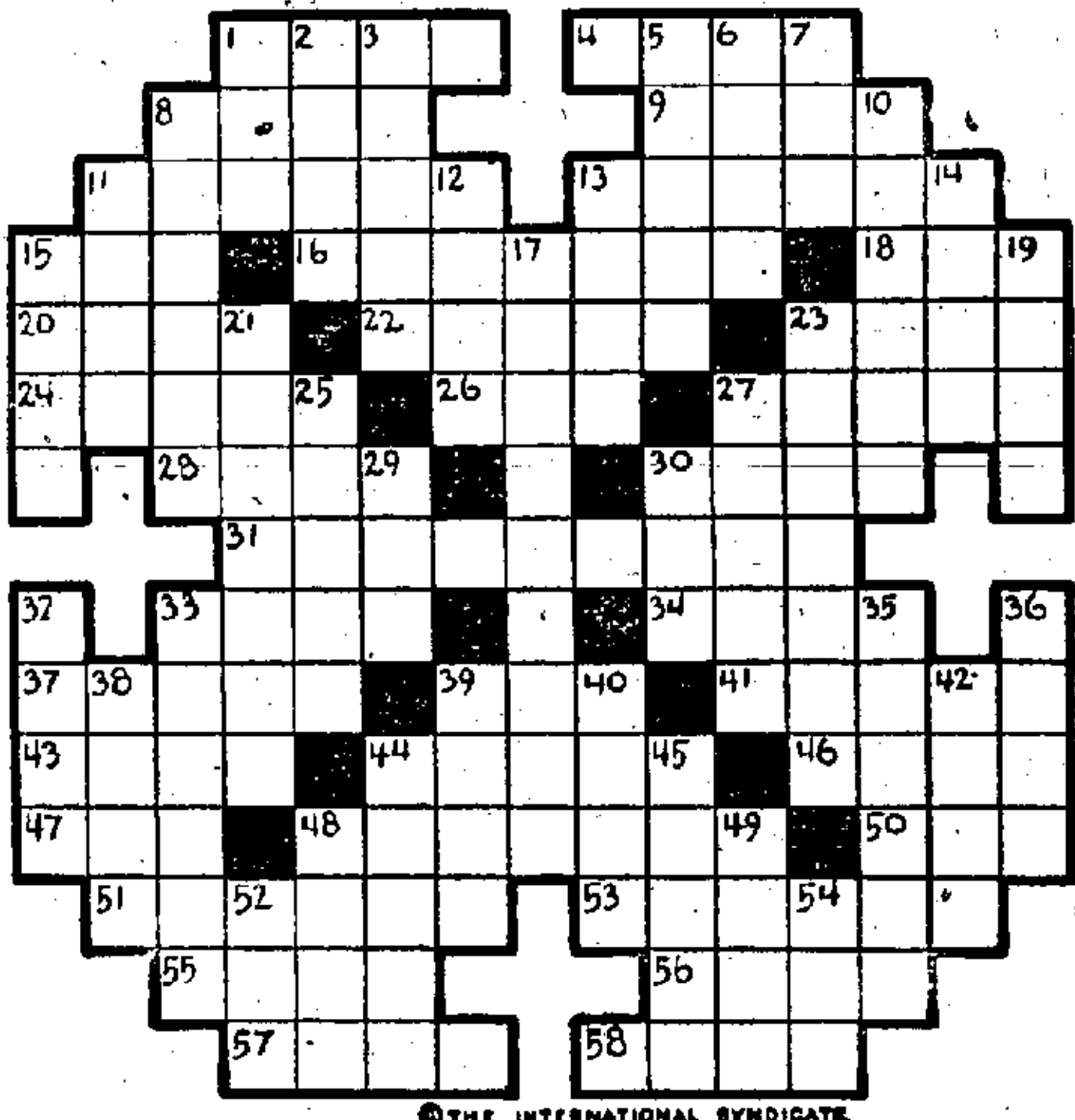
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(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**
- Legislative enactments
  - Jagged protuberance
  - Be prominent
  - Expert evaluators
  - Judged
  - Offensive
  - Native
  - Epigraphic monument
  - To clear cotton of seeds
  - Terminates
  - Proceeding from the sun
  - Detest
  - Encounters
  - State of equality
  - Earliest
  - Wading bird
  - Tree (pl.)
  - Aggressive displays of boldness
  - Ported
  - Prophet
  - Foreign
  - Liquid measure (pl.-abbr.)
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- Be inactive
  - Fine rock particles
  - Rinde
  - Wither
  - Young goat
  - Soft part of a bone (pl.)
  - Physical distinction
  - Leave
  - Famous statesman
  - Substantive
  - Try
  - Donjon
- VERTICAL**
- Gods of malicious mischief
  - Collection of tents
  - Cards with three spots each
  - Spot opposite zenith
  - Sour and sharp
  - Man's name (abbr.)
  - One who dispatches
  - Sweetens
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- Cheated ( slang)
  - Discontinue
  - Persian poet
  - Perches
  - Half
  - White mineral
  - Makes clear profit
  - Shattered, as horses
  - Foghorn
  - Runs away
  - Statute
  - Gods of dawn
  - Lie in warmth
  - Harvesting machine
  - Argue
  - Tip
  - Deposited
  - Saucy
  - Not progressive
  - Paradise
  - Reduces
  - Hops
  - Forced
  - Placed
  - To slip

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

### 'VARSITY LECTURES

SOME CURIOSITIES OF MATHEMATICS

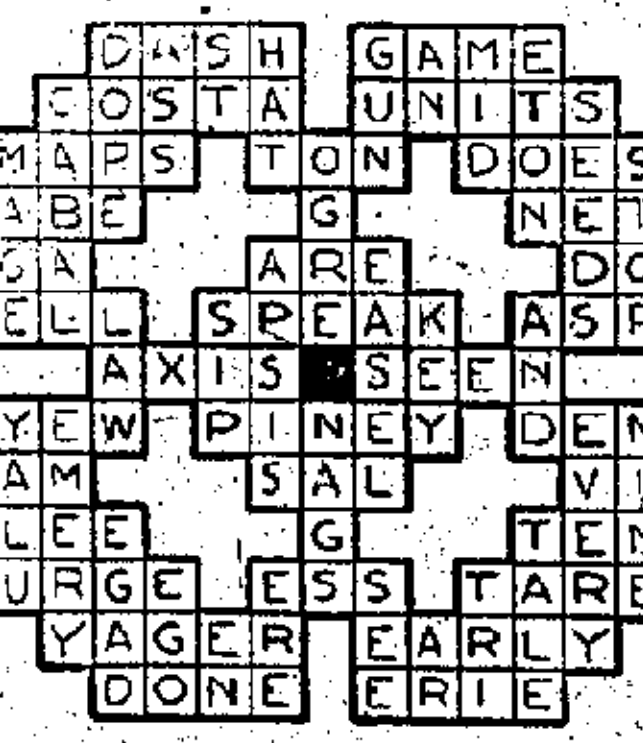
#### INVITATION TO PUBLIC

Under the auspices of the Hong Kong University Engineering Society and Arts Association two lectures on "Curiosities of Mathematics and Mathematical Philosophy" will be given by Captain J. L. P. Macnair, R.A.

These lectures will deal in a semi-popular way with: Philosophy as the parent of Science; the mysteries of zero and infinity and the fourth dimension; the problems of simultaneity, relativity, gravitation; irregularity of time and inconsistency of size; and, by way of conclusion, with some applications of Mathematical Philosophy to standards and criteria of civilisation.

Captain Macnair is already known to music-lovers in the Colony, by his contributions to con-

#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



certs at the Helena May Institute, both as instrumentalist and composer. All who are interested to hear his discourse on Mathematical Philosophy are cordially welcome to attend these lectures at the University.

The first lecture will be given on Monday evening, at 8.30 o'clock and the second on Friday, April 26, also at 8.30 p.m. On both occasions the meeting place will be Room "K" of the main building.

## THE WORLD OF BOOKS

## "MAIL" REVIEWS

## NEW BOOK ON CHINA'S GREATEST SAGE

"Confucius and His Quest", by Maurice Magre; Thornton Butterworth, 5/-.

It is not easy to classify this book which is an attempt by the distinguished French poet and novelist to illuminate the personality of China's greatest sage rather than an exhaustive chronicle of his life, an imaginative reconstruction of the ancient Chinese world of thought and fantastic imagination. We certainly learn much about the character of Kung Fu-Tsze, and more than a little about his older contemporary, Lao Tsz, but whether we get correct impressions is a moot point. We do not think many Chinese would agree with Monsieur Magre's findings.

In spite of quaintness of phrase and a strong effort after local colour and Celestial naïveté the flavour of the irony is more French than Chinese and the tone of the philosophy rather Gallic than Eastern. The author seems to think more of Lao Tsz's abstract philosophy than of the practical ethics of Confucius, and in one sentence we see his estimate of Confucius whom he describes "as accurate as justice, cold as morality, inexorable as boredom." Again, as a result of the austere rule of Confucius as prime minister in the ancient Kingdom of Lu, we get: "Happiness diminished as prosperity and morality increased. Boredom, lack of initiative, and the absence of motivating force engendered stupidity. Virtue reigned in the Kingdom of Lu."

Our author, while not withholding his meed of admiration, consider China's venerable sage as a bit of a bore. Thus "He had a deep sense of justice, but his conception of it was inevitably tiresome. He professed the sincerest love for his fellowmen; but his love had a buckle of obligations and rules which rendered it almost as odious as hate." In short Mons. Magre regards Confucius as a kill-joy. On page 145, where we read of the sudden fall of the sanctimonious sage, the author puts forward some of his own ideas: "In a single night was pulled down everything that Confucius had built in the course of many years. For it is building on sand to assume that morals are the foundation of society. That one is foolish who does not feel the hidden beauty of passion, the virtue of disorder, the creative force of pleasure; who overlooks the fact that there is no more satisfying food to nourish the soul, and to uplift it, than love—the simple love of man and maid."

The book is by no means heavy reading, and has many amusing as well as a few pathetic passages. A picturesque, profound, and stimulating book.

## MODERN ILLS

## SOME SUGGESTED REMEDIES FOR THEM

"Not This Man But Barabbas," by W. G. Curtis Morgan; Cecil Palmer, 7/6.

The story opens in a little Welsh village, Sharon, near Swansea, at the home of Sir Richard Selwyn, Cwmddu. Sir Richard had been knighted for public services during the war, and had purchased this estate, the old home of the Cymric Princes. David Selwyn, the son, has fallen in love with a pretty widow who, unfortunately for his mother's ambitions, is poor and the daughter of a local gardener. Sir Richard and Lady Selwyn do all that is in their power to prevent the marriage, as also does David's great friend, Riva Siva, who visits Cwmddu.

The wedding takes place and the newly married pair go to London but receive no help from anyone. In London things go from bad to worse; the small stock of money gradually dwindles; and David is forced to go out playing his beloved violin to the theatre crowds. By this time they are living in a squalid slum. Then Mary, the wife, develops consumption and dies, leaving her son in the care of David, and a slum friend, Rosie. Riva Siva finds David and helps him to obtain work, at the London docks, but in a fight with a Bolshevik strike leader David is thrown into the dock and pneumonia follows. His mother, relenting, rushes to his bedside only to find he is dead.

Thus ends the first part of the book and the actual appearance of the Selwyn family in it.

The second part, under the name of Riva Siva, analyses the life of that gentleman and shows how it was influenced by the painful experiences of his friend David. Riva Siva meets a Lady Pace at Princetown with whom he falls in love, and to whom he outlines his scheme for World Peace. This he means to establish by a Nordic Confederation, and he explains it to Lady Pace at great length.

He finally marries Rosie, the slum friend of David Selwyn, and as she is living by this time in the house in Wales, settles down there.

The second part of the book leaves one with a far more cheerful outlook on life than the first, which is merely a catalogue of failures. Considering the length, 388 pages of fairly close type, this story is enthralling, mainly because it points out several of the most pressing of modern evils, and does suggest quite reasonable remedies.

## FROM THE CLASSROOM

A little Filipino, who was learning his history from spirited American manuals vibrating with liberty, was told to write an essay on the cow. He gave the following: "The cow is an animal with four legs, one in each corner. The cow gives us milk, but as for me give me liberty or give me death."

Little Jimmy surprised his teacher as she was about to go home by asking "What have I learned to-day?" "What a curious question!" exclaimed the teacher. "Why do you ask?" "Well," said Jimmy "they'll want to know when I get home."

"When a man has two wives it is called Bigamy; when he has only one it is called Monotony."

"People who go to football matches are called expectorators."

"Why are you late Johnnie?" asked teacher.

"Please, mum, it was late when I started from home."

"Then why didn't you start earlier?"

"Please, mum, it was too late to start early."

"Now children," said the teacher, "each one is to write a short essay. Don't try to write grand stuff. Write just what's inside you."

In due time Tommy produced the following: "Inside me there's a heart, a liver, two lungs and a

## H. G. WELLS

## "KING WHO WAS A KING"

"The King Who Was a King," by H. G. Wells; Benn, 7/6.

Dressed in an elaborate cover this, the latest of Mr. H. G. Wells's contributions to our literature, is perhaps the most original that he has ever written. He deals with the film industry and the production of a film that is of practical use to the world in general. There is a two-fold appeal—one to the great army of film fans and the other to the novel reading public; and to both this book must be more than interesting.

The story is such as Mr. Wells usually produces, one written round a central theme which in this case can be summed up as "can one man be allowed to bring millions of others to misery and horror?" In a way it reminds one of Anthony Hope's stories of small Kingdoms, but the simplicity of style, and the detailed directions so necessary since this is a film scenario as well as a novel, make a world of difference; in fact, they cause this to be perhaps the most peculiar book that has been produced for many years.

The introductory chapter is a clever and well written analysis of the film industry, its growth, its defects, and its influence on modern thought. This alone is a splendid example of Mr. Wells's uncanny method of putting before us problems in an interesting manner.

Should this "Book of a Film" ever be screened it will be a wonder film, and will also, if its lessons are taken to heart, do good in a world that is undoubtedly tired of strife and profiteering, since it is against both.

## MEXICAN LIFE

## CAPTAIN'S QUARREL WITH BRIGAND

"The Sentinel of the Desert," by Jackson Gregory; Hodder and Stoughton, 7/6.

This fascinating story of Mexican life describes the adventures of one "Captain Hawk" and his quarrel with a brigand Blondino. Hawk arrives, one evening, at a place named The Hidden Hacienda, which is a gambling den run by El Topo. Here he meets Blondino and, during the course of a game of cards, threatens him, and finally escapes taking with him a considerable sum of Blondino's money. In escaping he meets a beautiful girl, from whom he obtains much valuable information regarding the movements of the ringleader of the gang running the gambling den. Acting upon this information he goes into the desert as far as the Blue Smoke Hills, where gold has recently been discovered.

Blondino and his gang also arrive and the little camp becomes a theatre of war. Twice does Captain Hawk save Blondino from being lynched, and also enables him to escape. Later he runs him to earth in his headquarters, to which place he has taken La Guera, the girl who gave Hawk information.

The end of the story is quite conventional, being the usual triumph of right over wrong, but the story itself is unique in many ways and is well worth reading.

stomach. Inside my stomach is chocolate, mush, rice, stewed prune, toast, etc."

Teacher to absent-minded scholar: "What is the use of the reindeer?"

Boy (blushing) "It makes everything in the garden lovely, Miss."

The Vocative of Cat is Fuss.

Little Isaac brought home a problem from school which asked: "What is wrong with the following sentence: 'Moses Ikestein was a successful business man. He failed to make money.' Isaac senior didn't even have to think. He promptly placed a comma after the word failed."

"An encyclopaedia is a lot of books full of useless information."

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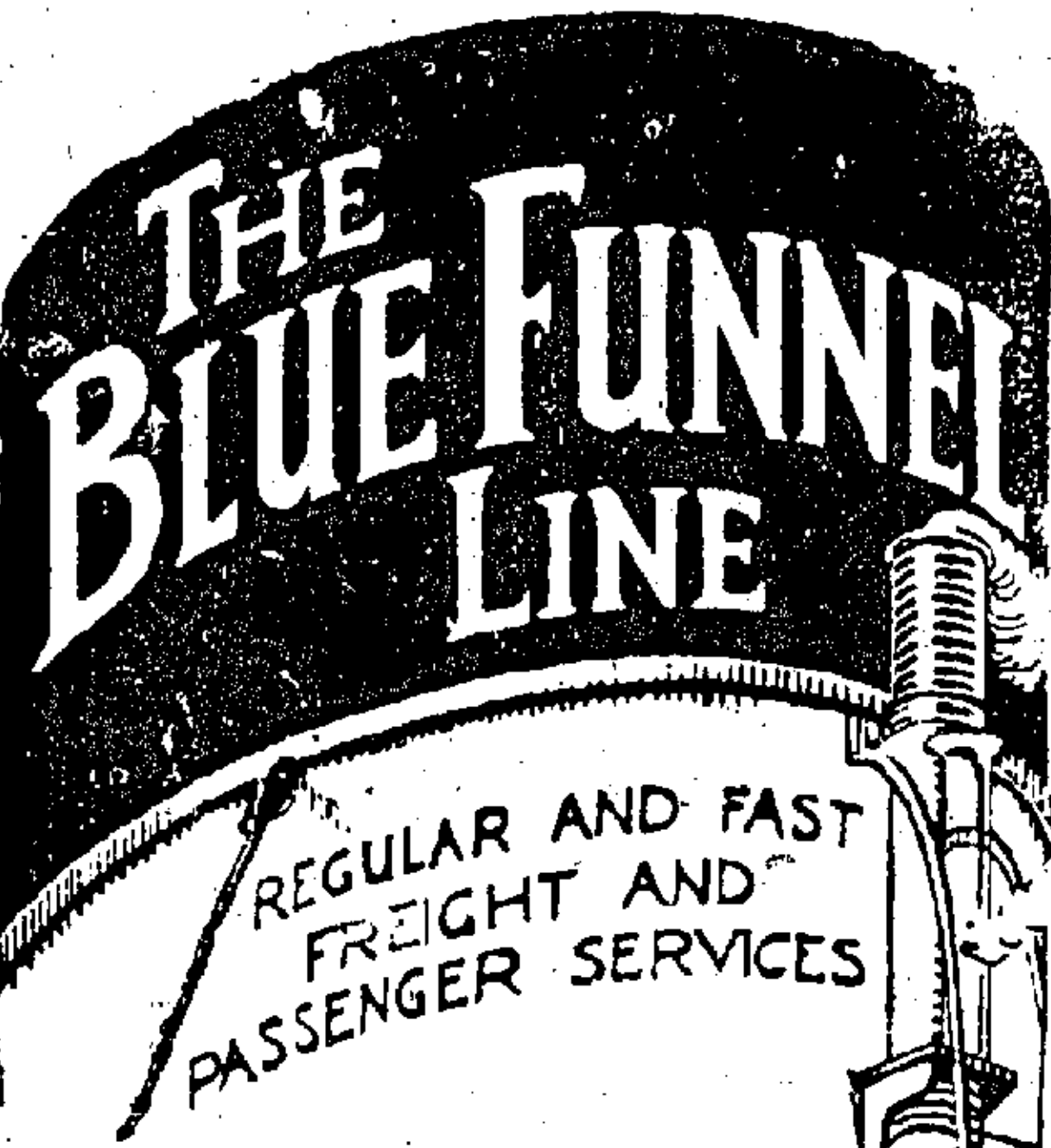
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Mausang, Hongpeng, Syoka Maru, Lyceomoon, Pyorhew, Genca Maru, Empress of France, Korea Maru, Takliwa, Nairnbank, Franconia, Knuthamsun Teneriffa, President Monroe.

## INWARD MAILS.

From SATURDAY, APRIL 6.

Shanghai & Swatow ..... Shantung  
SUNDAY, APRIL 7.

Japan ..... Gambada  
Manila ..... Empress of France

## MONDAY, APRIL 8.

Europe via Negapatam, (papers only) London  
March 7. .... Takliwa

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai & Europe  
via Siberia (London 18th—20th Mar.) Korea Maru

Manila ..... President Lincoln  
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai ..... President Cleveland

## TUESDAY, APRIL 9.

Australia and Manila ..... Changte  
Shanghai ..... Porthos  
Saigon ..... Athos II.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

For SATURDAY, APRIL 6.

Fort Bayard ..... Tchekam ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Saigon ..... Solviken ..... 3.30 p.m.  
Sam Shui and Wuchow ..... Kowchow ..... 4.30 p.m.  
Manila ..... President Monroe ..... 5 p.m.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 7.

Straits ..... Viminale ..... 9 a.m.  
Bangkok via Swatow ..... Kiangsu ..... 9 a.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ..... Hozan Maru ..... 9 a.m.

## MONDAY, APRIL 8.

Shanghai and Japan ..... Yokohama Maru ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Swatow ..... Hydrangea ..... 2.30 p.m.

Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada,  
Central and South America  
and Europe via San Francisco

President Lincoln  
(Due San Francisco, 1st May.)  
Parcels ..... Apr. 8, 3 p.m.  
Registration ..... 4.15 p.m.  
Letters ..... 5 p.m.

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia  
Registration ..... Apr. 8, 5 p.m.  
Letters ..... 6 p.m.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 9.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India,  
Mauritius, L. Marques, East and  
South Africa, Aden, Egypt and  
Europe via Marseilles

Porthos  
(Due Marseilles, 10th May.)  
K.F.O.  
Registration ..... Apr. 9, 10 a.m.  
Letters ..... 1 p.m.

G.P.O.  
Registration ..... Apr. 9, 12.45 p.m.  
Letters ..... 1.30 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Haiyang ..... Noon.  
Shanghai ..... Athos II ..... 1 p.m.  
Amoy ..... Shantung ..... 3.30 p.m.

Straits and Calcutta ..... Gambada  
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## FLOOD DISASTER IN TASMANIA

### HOBART ISOLATED

#### BURSTING OF DAM NEAR A TIN MINE

##### 19 PERSONS DROWNED

Hobart, Yesterday.  
Unprecedented floods have washed away bridges and destroyed telegraphs and telephones everywhere.

Hobart is isolated from the rest of Tasmania except by wireless.

Fourteen persons were drowned in a dam burst at the Briceis tin mine in the township of Derby, while a motor-car was overwhelmed in the floods on the north-west coast and the five occupants drowned.—Reuter.

## MACAO'S GOVERNOR

### HIS ADMINISTRATION—AN EXCELLENT REVIEW

#### DEPARTURE ON LEAVE

Macao, Yesterday.  
His Excellency the Governor of Macao, Senhor Artur Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa, accompanied by Mme. Tamagnini-de Sousa Barbosa and Mlle. Barbosa, has left for Hong Kong preparatory to taking ship for Europe on Sunday, on well-deserved leave after an administration of no less than two years and a half duration.

His Excellency's Governorship has been characterised by steady development of the Colony's resources and the expansion of the Colony's interests. His encouragement of progress has hastened considerable expansion in local development, even bringing to fruition many old schemes that had languished for want of stimulus. Building of houses has progressed on a scale hitherto unprecedented, notably the erection of edifices like the President Hotel, the new Post Office, and scores of houses for residential purposes.

Commercially, the Colony has expanded and the introduction of the Post Office Savings Bank on a large scale, the development of wireless communication, and the encouragement of industries are characteristics that have made themselves felt in Macao. The opening up of Chun Shan by the building of the Kee Kwan Highway presages an era of prosperity ere many years have passed.

The diplomatic relations of Macao have probably never been so progressive as during the past two years, and the number of distinguished visitors to Macao is further testimony to the prestige that Macao has enjoyed of late.

Internal Administration  
In internal matters the Governor's administration has been accompanied with pronounced success, and the many demonstrations on the part of the Chinese community of their appreciation of His Excellency's Governorship is eloquent tribute to their acknowledgment of many benefits that have accrued to them during the two years past.

In financial matters Senhor

## PETROLEUM WAR

### AMERICAN CURTAILMENT PLANS TO PROCEED

#### A WORLD MONOPOLY

Washington, Yesterday.  
Mr. Holmes, Chairman of the Executive of the Petroleum Committee, recommends that the Committee should proceed with its plans for the curtailment of petroleum production and test the Attorney-General's ruling in the Courts.

On the other hand, Senator Borah, in a personal letter, expresses the opinion that the Royal Dutch, Shell, and Standard Oil Company of



Senator Borah

New Jersey are apparently engaged in forming a world monopoly, thus shutting off the possibility of cheap oil reaching the consumer from Russia.—Reuter.

[A New York cable published yesterday stated—in view of the Attorney General's ruling the question has arisen as to whether the Royal Dutch and Shell interests will continue to co-operate with the American Petroleum Institute's oil restriction scheme. According to the "Journal of Commerce," European oil producers have always been lukewarm with regard to the scheme and it is now believed that they may withdraw their support. It is pointed out that a huge increase in oil production in South America, especially in Venezuela, where the Royal Dutch and Shell Companies are strongly interested, has been projected and restriction to last year's average production figures, as proposed by the Institute, would have involved considerable hardship to the Royal Dutch.]

Barbosa was no less successful and succeeded in converting the balances of the budget from a deficit to a surplus. The direct Government administration of opium has won the approval of the League of Nations, and the Colony's income from this source has been reduced to a very meagre sum.

It is known that the Governor proposes to treat with the authorities in Lisbon in regard to many matters redounding to the Colony's benefit and Senhor Barbosa leaves Macao with the best of good wishes of coming back after carrying through the important matters that take him Home.

## ECHO OF EXPLOSION IN HOLBORN

### INQUIRY REPORT

#### USE OF PETROL LIGHTER CAUSE OF TROUBLE

##### SOME RECOMMENDATIONS

London, Yesterday.  
The Commission of Inquiry reports that the Holborn Explosion was probably due to a gradual accumulation of gas, which, leaking from neighbouring mains, ignited in a manhole by some action on the part of one or three Post Office workmen—probably by Percy Thrower (who was killed)—using a petrol lighter.

The report recommends the immediate examination of the whole Post Office tube installation and an adequate system of continuous ventilation.—Reuter.

[The disaster, it will be remembered, occurred last December, and caused tremendous excitement in the Holborn district.]

## NAVAL MOVEMENTS

### PROGRAMME FOR H.M.S. "CLEOPATRA"

#### CHINA STATION RELIEFS

H.M.S. "Cleopatra," "Dartmouth" and "Carysfort" are due to arrive in Hong Kong on Monday morning with reliefs from Home for the China Station. "Cleopatra" will then sail from Hong Kong so as to arrive at Wussong on April 21. She will then proceed to Shanghai on April 23 for exchange of personnel with H.M.S. "Bee," "Aphis" and "Tad" of the Yangtze Gunboat Flotilla. "Cleopatra" will then sail for Hong Kong on April 24 and leave Hong Kong on April 30 to return Home, the programme being as follows:—

	Arrive	Depart
Singapore	May 5	May 7
Colombo	" 12 "	" 14 "
Aden	" 22 "	" 24 "
Port Said	" 29 "	" 31 "
Malta	June 3	June 5
Gibraltar	" 8 "	" 10 "
Sheerness	" 14 "	" "

## REPARATIONS

### HOPEFUL SIGNS OF A SETTLEMENT

#### PRESS OPTIMISTIC

Paris, Yesterday.

The atmosphere at the Reparations' Experts' Conference is now regarded as hopeful. As the result of interviews with Dr. Schacht with the heads of the principal creditor delegations, the Germans, it is officially learned, will discuss the allied minimum demand. It is anticipated that Dr. Schacht will endeavour to whittle down the Bill, but the French Press is now optimistic as to a settlement.—Reuter.

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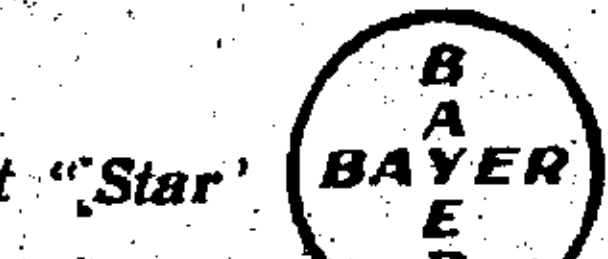
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